

ORIGINAL
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LEDGER BOOK FROM THE CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYDOOS, B.C.

DOCUMENTS OF W.H. LOWE AND J.C. HAYNES

C. 1870 to 1878

SOOYOOS LAKE 3RD NOVEMBER 1870

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECIEPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED 24TH ? ENCLOSING YOUR PROCLAMATIONS FOR THE ELECTIONS OF AMEMBER TO REPRESENT - THE YALE ?? DISTRICT AND SHALL CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS THEREIN CONTAINED. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE

THE HON. P. O'RIELLY
YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE B.C. 3RD NOVEMBER 1870

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECIEPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED THE 24TH UTTIIMO? CONTAINING RETURNED OF LAND RECORDS FROM THIS OFFICE, I SHALL CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IN REFERENCE TO ANY APPLICATIONS THAT MAY BE MADE IN THIS OFFICE FOR THE PRE-EMPTIONS OF LAND &C. I NOW ENCLOSE ALL APPLICATIONS FROM A MAN NAMED F(ORH) BRENT RESIDING AT MISSION VALLEY FOR THE RECORD OF 400 INCHES OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF IRRIGATION, I AM AWARE THAT THIS MAN HAS ALREADY COMPILED WITH THE NECESSARY FORM ON SUCH MATTERS AND WILL THANK YOU TO INFORM ME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE WHETHER OR NOT I WILL RECORD THE SAME. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE W.H. LOWE

✓ SOOYOOS LAKE 3RD NOVEMBER 1870

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPT. AND OCT. TOGETHER WITH THE SUM OF 50 FIFTY DOLLARS ON ACCOUNT OF BALANCE APPEARING IN OCT. ACCOUNTS OWING TO THE ACKWARDNESS OF TRANSMITTING GOLD DUST OR COIN. I REGRET I CANNOT SEND YOU THE WHOLE AMOUNT. I WILL HOWEVER ENDEAVOR TO TRANSPORT PAPER MONEY., AND SEND YOU THE WHOLE AMOUNT AT THE END OF THE MONTH WITH THIS MONTHS ACCOUNT. I ALSO REGRET I HAD NOT AN EARLIER OPPORTUNITY OF SENDING YOU SEPT. ACCTS., BUT AS NO OPPORTUNITY OFFERED UNTIL THE PRESENT ONE, I DID NOT LIKE TO GO THE EXPENSE OF SENDING A SPECIAL MESSENGER TO HOPE. EVERYTHING APPEARS QUIET AND PEACEABLE IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY. I VISITED ROCK CREEK ABOUT A FEW DAYS AGO AND FOUND 15 WHITE MEN AND TWENTY CHINAMEN INVOLVED IN MINING ON THE CREEK. ALL OF WHOM JUST SPEAKING WITH, APPEARED SATISFIED WITH THIER PROSPECTS. I HEREWITH ENCLOSE COUNTERFOILS OF TRADE OF LAND USES AND ALL MINING CERTIFICATES FROM THE COMMENCMENT OF THE YEAR 1869 TO DATE. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
P. O'RIELLY ESQ. SM YALE

SOOYOOS LAKE 4TH NOV. 1870

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR SEPT AND OCT WITH LANDING WARRANTS AND TWO INVOICES OF EXPENDITURE. I ALSO ENCLOSE CORRECTED LANDING WARRANT #32 IN JULY FOR WHICH I HAVE GIVEN CREDIT IN LAST MONTHS ACCOUNTS. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
W.S. LAMBRY ESQ. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

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SOOYOOS LAKE 13TH DECEMBER 1870

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR THIS MONTH TOGETHER WITH THE SUM OF \$22.00 BEING BALANCE IN FULL APPEARING IN THE ACCOMPANING ACCOUNTS FOR THIS MONTH. AS AN OPPORTUNITY HAS OFFERED OF SENDING TO HOPE. I HAVE CLOSED THE ACCOUNTS EARLIER THAN I WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE DONE IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY REACH YOU IN PROPER TIME BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. IT WILL ALSO OBVIATE THE NECESSITY OF INCURRING THE EXPENSE OF SENDING A SPECIAL MESSENGER. I HAVE NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE TO COMMUNICATE. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
P. O'REILLY ESQ. SM YALE

SOOYOOS LAKE 12TH DEC. 1870

SIR: I HEREWITH ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR THIS MONTH TOGETHER WITH MY SALARY RECIEPT. I WOULD NOT HAVE CLOSED THE ACCOUNTS SO EARLY IN THIS MONTH ONLY A GOOD OPPORTUNITY HAS OFFERED OF SENDING THRU TO HOPE FREE OF EXPENSE, AND BESIDES I AM SURE THERE WILL BE NO MORE REPORTS THIS MONTH. I HOPE YOU WILL NOT CONSIDER THIS ARRANGEMENT IRREGULAR.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
W. S. LAMBRY (OR W. HAMBRY) COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA

SOOYOOS LAKE 30TH NOVEMBER 1870

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT IN COMPLIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN YOUR LETTER OF 19TH INSTANT. I HELD A POLL AT ROCK CREEK TODAY FROM WHICH PLACE I HAVE JUST RETURNED. I HEREWITH ENCLOSE YOUR ORIGINAL ROLL BOOK TOGETHER WITH ? AND MY DECLARATION IN REFERENCE TO THE ELECTION. YOU WILL SEE THAT I HAVE ONLY RECORDED VOTES AT ROCK CREEK THREE OF WHICH HAVE VOTED FOR MR. CORWALL? THERE ARE ONLY NINE WHITE MEN AT ROCK CREEK NEARLY ALL THE OLD HANDS IN THE REO ROCK CREEK FLUME COMPANY HAVE GONE THE COLUMBIA RIVER MUNRO. I ALSO ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR THIS MONTH.
I HAV ETHE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT. W.H. LOWE
P. O'REILLY ESQ. YALE

SOOYOOS LAKE 30 Nov. 1870

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR THIS WITH ORIGINAL LANDING WARRANTS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE

SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST JANUARY 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR THIS MONTH TOGETHER WITH BALANCE APPEARING AS PER ? \$157.50. I WOULD THANK YOU FOR SOME TRADE AND SPIRIT ?CAUSE FORMS. NOT HAVING THE PAPER PRINTED FORMS I WAS OBLIGED TO USE A FEW DURING THIS MONTH IN MANUSCRIPT. THE WEATHER HAS BEEN REMARKABLY MILD IN THOSE PARTS AND THERE IS EVERY PROSPECT OF AN EARLY SPRING. I HAVE NOTHING OF MUCH IMPORTANCE TO COMMUNICATE.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT. W.H. LOWE
PO'REILLY ESQ. SM YALE

SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST JANUARY 1870

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH ACCOUNTS FOR THIS MONTH WITH ORIGINAL LANDING WARRANTS AND C.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
W.S. LAMBRY ESQ. VICTORIA

SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST MARCH 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR HEREWITH TO ENCLOSE THE ACCTS. FOR JANUARY AND THIS MONTH TOGETHER WITH THE BALANCE APPEARING ONE HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS. 104.00
I HAVE THE HONOR SIR TO BE YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
P.O'REILLY ESQ. SM YALE

SOOYOOS LAKE 31 MARCH 1870

SIR: I HEREWITH ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR THIS MONTH FEB. AND MARCH WHICH I HOPE YOU WILL FIND CORRECT. I WILL THANK YOU FOR A FEW SALARY RECIEPT FORMS. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
W. S. LAMBRY COLLECTOR CUSTOMS VICTORIA

SOOYOOS LAKE 29 APRIL 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECIEPT OR YOUR LETTER DATED 14TH INST. REPORTING NOW TO ACCT. AS COLLECTOR. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF 'THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS ACT 1871' ?
REPLY HAVE TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IN THE MATTER. FROM MY KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ? OF THE DISTRICT I WOULD SUGGEST AND RECOMMEND THAT SOOYOOS COURT HOUSE INSTEAD OF ROCK CREEK BE ADOPTED AS THE PLACE FOR HOLDING THE POLL. THE FORMER BEING THE MOST CENTRAL AND CONVENIENT PLACE FOR THE INHABITANTS WHO MAY DECIDE TO VOTE. I WILL ALSO INFORM YOU THAT THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT HOUSE NOW AT ROCK CREEK NOW AT ROCK CREEK.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
A.J. BUSHLY ESQ. REGISTRAR YALE

SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST MAY 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HERWITH ACCOUNTS FOR THIS MONTH WITH ORIGINAL LANDING WARRANTS FROM #23 TO 45 INCL. I HAVE CHANGED THE WAGES OF A MESSENGER IN THIS MONTHS ACCOUNTS WHICH I HOPE WILL NOT BE OBJECTED TO. AS SUCH AN ASSISTANT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IN THE ABSENCE OF A SECOND OFFICER.

AGREAT MANY MEN HAVE PASSED BY THIS ROUTE THIS SPRING DESTINED FOR THE NEW GOLD FIELDS OF PEACE RIVER AND I AM INFORMED BY THESE WHO HAVE ALREADY PASSED THAT THAT HUNDREDS OF MINERS ARE IN IDAHOE AND MONTANA ARE ONLY WAITING WHILE SOME RELIABLE NEWS FROM THIER FRIENDS IN PEACE RIVER WHEN THERE WILL BE A GREAT RUSH BY THIS ROUTE. I VISITED ROCK CREEK A FEW DAYS AGO AND FOUND ABOUT 40 CHINESE AND FIFTEEN WHITE MEN. MOST OF THE CHINAMEN ARE EMPLOYED BY THE RIO? ROCK FLUME COMPANY. AND THEY ? MINING AND PROSPECTING FOR THEMSELVES. THE RIO ROCK FLUME CO. BOOKS LOOK TO BE PROGRESSING FORMABLY AND I AM INFORMED THAT IT IS NOW LUCRATIVE TO THE OWNERS. I HAVE NOTHING OF FURTHER IMPORTANCE TO COMMUNICATE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE.
W.S. LAWBY ESQ. COLLECTOR CUSTOMS. VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 4 MAY 1871

SIR: I HERWITH ENCLOSE APPLICATION AND PLAN TO PRE-EMPT 320 ACRES OF LAND FROM AN IN.? SETTLER ON THE SIMILKAMEEN WHO HAS RESIDED THEREFOR THE PAST AND HAS RECENTLY BECAME A BRITISH SUBJECT. F.X. RICHTER HAS COMPILED WITH THE NECESSARY FORM. UNDER THE NEW LAND ACT SHOWS TO MAKE THE APPLICATION. I WILL THANK YOU TO INFORM ME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONV. WHETHER I AM TO RECORD THE LAND OR NOT.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
A.J. BUSHBY ESQ. SM YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST MAY 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL AND MAY TOGETHER WITH THE BALANCE APPEARING IN THIS MONTHS ACCOUNTS. AS PER MARGIN \$62.66
WILL WRITE YOU MORE FULLY BY RETURN OF KOOTENAY EXPRESSMAN.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT. W.H. LOWE
A.J. BUSHLY ESQ. SM YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST JUNE 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HERWITH CORRECTED ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL AND MAY AND REGRET YOU HAD THE TERRIBLE TROUBLE OF RETURNING THE REST.
-I ALSO ENCLOSE MY ACCOUNTS FOR THIS MONTH TOGETHER WITH BALANCE APPEARING AS PER MARGIN \$135.50

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ALSO RICHTERS RECORD \$137.00 WITH COUNTERFOILS OF USES ISSUED AT THIS STATION TO DATE IN COMPLAINTANCE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. I VISITED ROCK CREEK A FEW DAYS AGO AND ISSUED A NUMBER OF ISSUES TO THE MINERS WHICH YOU WILL PERUSE THIS MONTHS ACCOUNTS. I FOUND ABOUT FORTY CHINESE AND FIFTEEN WHITE MEN EMPLOYED IN MINING ON ROCK CREEK. MOST OF WHOM ARE EMPLOYED BY THE RIO ROCK FLUME COMPANY. A GREAT MANY MINERS HAVE PASSED THIS STATION THIS SEASON DESTINED FOR THE PEACE RIVER GOLD MINES AND STILL CONTINUE TO COME IN. I AM INFORMED BY THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PASSED THAT HUNDREDS OF IDLE MEN IN IDAHOE MONTANA AND OTHER PLACES IN THE UNITED STATES ? ARE ONLY WAITING TO HEAR SATISFYING NEWS FROM THEIR FRIENDS WHO HAVE GONE TO THE NEW MINES WHERE THERE THERE WILL BE A GREAT RUSH BY THIS ROUTE TO THE NEW GOLD FIELDS. I AM OF THE OPINION THAT MAKES THE NEW GOLD MINERS OF PEACE TURN OUT RICH AND EXPECT THERE WILL BE GREAT HARDSHIP AMONG THE MINERS AS NUMBERS OF THESE WERE DESTITUTE OF MEALS WHEN PASSING BY THIS STATION. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
A.J. BUSHLY ESQ. S.M. YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS 30 JUNE 1872

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE MY ACCOUNTS FOR THIS MONTH WITH FOURTEEN LANDING WARRANTS AND VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURES.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT.
W.S. LAMBRY COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS YALE

SOOYOOS LAKE 24 JULY 1871

SIR: THANK YOU. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY BEG TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT. FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY FOR GOVERNOR. WE HOPE THAT HIS EXCELLENCY WILL FORMABLY CONSIDER MY SERVICES AND INCREASE MY SALARY WHICH I BEG TO STATE IS AT PRESENT INSUFFICIENT COMPENSATION FOR THE DUTIES INCUMBENT ON ME. IN MARCH 1862 I INCURED THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF CONSTABLE. JUNE ? THEN GOLD COMMISSIONER OF THIS DISTRICT - A VACANCY HAVING OCCURED ON CONSEQUENCE OF THE DEATH OF MR. BAKER MY PREDECESSOR AND WAS IMMEDIATELY ATTACHED TO YOUR DEPARTMENT AT THIS STATION AND CONTINUED TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THIS STATION WITH MR. HAYNES UNTIL 1864 WHEN THAT GENTLEMAN WAS MOVED TO KOOTENAY. AS GOLD COMMISSIONER ACCOMPANIED BY MR. YOUNG ? OFFICER OF THIS DISTRICT. I WAS THEN LEFT IN CHARGE OF THIS STATION AND DISCHARGED ALL THE SPECIAL DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT - WITHOUT ASSISTANCE OR INCREASE OF SALARY, THO NO LESS THAN THREE OFFICERS WERE STATIONED IN THE DISTRICT ? TO THIS TO DO THE SAME DUTY. IN THE FOLLOWING SPRING 1865 IN CONSEQUENCE OF MY INCREASED DUTIES I RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO ACT AS ASSISTANT COLLECTOR IN YOUR DEPARTMENT AT THIS STATION WITH WITH A SMALL INCREASE IN SALARY, IN WHICH CAPACITY ? UNTIL THE AUTUMN OF THE SAME YEAR. WHEN MR. HAYNES RETURNED AND ASSUMED HIS FORMER POSITION AT THIS STATION AND I WAS OBLIGED TO ACCEPT MY ORIGINAL POSITION IN THE SAME WITH A REDUCED SALARY. IN WHICH CAPACITY REMAINED UNTIL LAST SEPTEMBER 1870 WHEN MR. HAYNES WAS AGAIN CALLED TO KOOTENAY. SINCE THAT TIME I HAVE DISCHARGED THE DUTIES OF THIS DISTRICT IN THE CUSTOMS AND MAGISTRATES DEPARTMENT WITHOUT ASSISTANCE OF INCREASE IN SALARY AND WOULD BEG TO STATE THAT IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE RETURN OF POPULATION TO ROCK CREEK AND THE INVENT OF IMMIGRATION TO THE NEW MINES HAS £? MY DUTY IN BOTH DEPARTMENTS CONTINUES. INCLUSIVE APORTION OF THE DISTRICT IS BY NO MEANS INSECURE.

I WOULD BEG TO STATE THAT OTHER OFFICERS OF THE SAME RANK AND. ????? AND SITUATED IN LESS IMPORTANT DISTRICTS ARE IN RECEIPT OF MORE MONEY. IN CONCLUSION I WOULD RESPECTFULLY HOPE THAT HIS EXCELLENCY WILL TAKE WITH CONSERVATION MY LENGTH OF SERVICE AND AND THE FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE OF MY APPEAL AND THAT I WILL BE PLACED IN A POSITION WHICH WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO MY INTEREST OF THE CONSUMMATION OF THE CONTEPLATED CHANGES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS COUNTRY. TRUSTING I HAVE NOT TRESPASSED TO MUCH ON YOUR TIME. I HAVE THE HONOR..... W.H. LOWE TO W.S. LAMBRY OR HAMLEY.

SOOYOOS 21ST JULY 1870

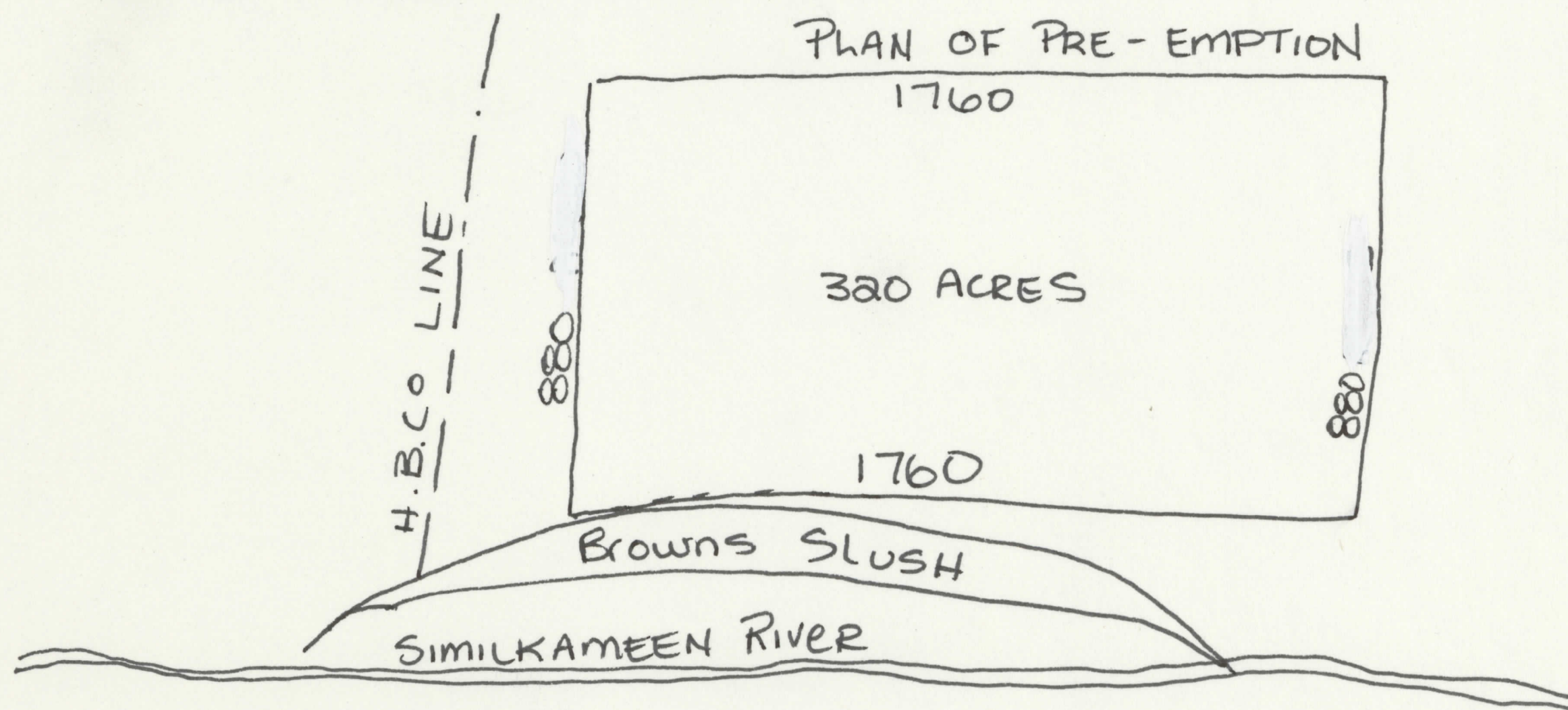
SIR: I COMPLIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED IN YOUR LETTER OF THE 6TH INSTANT. I HEREWITH ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS MADE OUT UP TO THE 19TH INSTANT TOGETHER WITH THE BALANCE APPEARING AS PER MARGIN \$108.75. I HAVE OBLIGED TO EMPLOY A SPECIAL MESSENGER TO CONVEY THESE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS OF OURS TO HOPE THO NOT BEING AN OPPORTUNITY OF SENDING OTHERWISE. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
A.J. BUSHLY ESQ. J.M. YALE B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS 21 JULY 1870

SIR: IN COMPLIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS WHICH I RECIEVED FROM MR. BUSHLY, I HEREWITH ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS MADE OUT TO 19TH INST. WITH LANDING WARRANTS AND VOUCHERS AND EXPENDITURES WHICH I HOPE WILL MEET YOUR APPROVAL. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
W.S. LAMDRÉSQUIRE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 23 JULY 1870

SIR: I HAVE SPOKEN TO MR. RICHTER IN REFERENCE OF THE INCORRECT SHAPE OF THE LAND. SOUGHT BY HIM TO BE RECORDED AND ASSURED HIM TO CHANGE HIS STAKES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAND AGREEMENT OF 1871. MR. RICHTER INFORMES ME THAT IN CASE OF HIS COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE HE WILL BE OBLIGED APORTION OF MOUNTAIN AND USELESS BUNCH LAND. I ? ? MOVE DEFINATE PLAN OF THE LAND IN POSITION AND MR. RICHTER REQUESTS ME TO REFER THE MATTER FOR YOUR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
A.J. BUSHLY ESQ. S.M. YALE B.C.



SOOYOOS LAKE 23 JULY 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH THREE NOTICES OF CLAIMANTS AND THE SAME LIST MADE OUT AND SUBLISTED BY ME IN ACCORDANCE WITH "THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS ACT 1871". THE GREATER PORTION OF THIS MISSION ARE DIS QUALIFIED AND THOSE WHO ARE SO MUCH SCATTERED AND DISTANT THAT ONLY THREE HAVE TAKEN THE TROUBLE TO SEND IN THEIR CLAIMS. I WILL THANK YOU TO INFORMME WHETHER OR NOT I AM TO CHANGE THE FIFTY DOLLARS. I AM ENTITLED TO AS COLLECTOR OF THIS DISTRICT IN MY ? ACCOUNTS AS NOT.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
A.H. BUSHLY ESQ. S.M. YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST JULY 1872

SIR: I HEREWITH ENCLOSE COPY OF ? MCDONALDS SETTLEMENT WITH ONE DURING THE TIME HE COLLECTED CUSTOMS DUTIES AT SHEPHERD AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR YOUR WISH I WILL ACCOUNT IN THE SAME WITH THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS IN MY LAST MONTHS ACCOUNTS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
J.C. HAYNES ESQ. COLLECTOR CUSTOMS KOOTENAY B.C.

SOOYOOS LKAE 29 AUGUST 1872 ✓

SIR: I HAVE TO REPORT THE MURDER OF AN INDIAN NEAR THE FOOT OF OKANAGAN LAKE ON THE 15TH INSTANT BY A PARTY OF SIX CHINAMEN WHO PASSED THIS STATION FOR PEACE RIVER ON THE 25TH INSTANT. ON RECIEVING INFORMATION ABOUT THIS AFFAIR. I AT ONCE PROCEDED TO THE PLACE WHERE THE MURDER WAS COMMITTED AND HAD FOUR OF THE CHINAMEN ARRESTED WHO I FOUND HID IN THE MOUNTAIN AND HAVE SAFELY PLACED THEM IN JAIL AT THIS PLACE. TWO OF THE PARTY ARE STILL CONCEALING THEMSELVES IN THE MOUNTAINS. I AM INFORMED THAT MR. BUSHLY IS NOW ENROUTE TO THIS PLACE AND NOT HAVING THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY TO PROCEED FURTHER IN THE MATTER MYSELF. I WILL DETAIN THE CHINAMEN I HAVE IN CUSTODY UNTIL THAT ? ?. I ENCLOSE A COPY OF THE INFORMATION WHICH I THINK IS A TRUE STATMENT OF THE MATTER. I HOPE HIS EXCELLENCY WILL APPROVE OF MY ACTION IN THIS MATTER.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT. WH. LOWE
C. GOOD ESQ. COL SEC. VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 29TH AUGUST 1872

SIR: I HAVE TO REPORT THE MURDER OF AN INDIAN BY SIX CHINAMEN NEAR THE FOOT OF OKANAGAN LAKE ON THE 25TH INSTANT ON RECIEVING INFORMATION ABOUT THE AFFAIR I AT ONCE PROCEEDED TO THE PLACE WHERE THE MURDER WAS COMMITTED AND HAD FOUR OF THE CHINAMEN ARRESTED WHO I HAVE SAFELY LODGED IN THE JAIL. TWO OF THE PARTY ARE STILL HIDING IN THE MOUNTAINS. I WILL MENTION THAT THE JAIL IN VERY SMALL AND INSECURE FOR THAT NUMBER OF PRISONERS. IN CONSEQUENCE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO KEEP A GUARD OVER THE PRISONERS NIGHT AND DAY. NOT HAVING AUTHORITY TO PROCEED FURTHER IN THIS MATTER MYSELF I WILL DETAIN THE PRISONERS I HAVE NOW IN CUSTODY UNTIL YOUR ARRIVAL OR SOMEONE ELSE WHO MAY BE INVESTED WITH THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER. I ENCLOSE A COPY OF THE INFORMATION WHICH FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN AND HEARD IS I THINK A CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
W.H. BUSHLY ESQ. J.M. YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 4TH SEPT 1872

SIR: I HEREWITH FORWARD TO YOU BY MR. LANDVIOGHT WHO IS ON HIS WAY DIRECT TO VICTORIA THE SUM OF 1500\$. ? HUNDRED DOLLARS ON ACCOUNT OF CUSTOMS RECIEPTS AT THIS STATION. NOT HAVING MY ACCOUNTS PREPARED FOR LAST MONTH. I CANNOT SEND THEM BY THIS OPPORTUNITY. I WILL HOWEVER FORWARD THEM IN A FEW DAYS.

I PROMISED MR. LANDVOIGHT THE SUM OF 25\$ FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE ABOVE SUM AT YOUR OFFICE WHICH AMOUNT I WILL THANK YOU TO HAVE PAID HIM. THE GOLD DUST IS AT \$18 PER ON. I HAVE ACCEPTED AS -----? IT ISSAID TO BE WORTH \$19 IN MONTANA. I WILL THANK YOU FOR A SUPPLY OF LANDING WARRANTS AND PAY AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
W.S. LANBRY COLLECTOR CUSTOMS.

SOOYOOS LAKE 20 SEPT 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH MY ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATION FROM 20TH JULY TO 31ST INST. TOGETHER WITH THE CUSTOMS RECIEPTS OF FORT SHEP-ARD AMMOUNTING TO \$95.80 WHICH ACCOUNT MR. McDONALD HAS ACCCOUNTED WITH OUR FOR? I HAVE CREDITED IN LAST MONTHS ACCOUNTS THE SUM OF \$45.00 BEING THE AMOUNT OF DISALLOWED VOUCHERS AND I BEG TO STATE THAT THIS IS VERY HARD ON ME. CONSIDERING MY SMALL SALARY AND MY ADDITIONAL DUTIES IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE ABSENCE OF A SECOND OFFICER. I HAVE CONSTANT USE FOR THE SERVICES OF AN INDIAN AND SEVERAL ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE THIS SEASON TO PASS THE STATION AND HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MESSENGER SOME WOULD HAVE PASSED WITH IMPUNITY AS THERE ARE ONLY THREE TRAILS BY WHICH PARTIES CAN COME IN THIS COUNTRY. BESIDES THE ONE PASSING THE STATION, I IS THEREFORE HARD ON ME TO PAY OUT OF MY OWN POCKET.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
W. HANDRY ESQ. COLLECTOR CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 20TH OCTOBER 1871 ✓

250 lbs flour
SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE SIEZED AND TAKEN WITH MY POCESSIONS 250 ONCES AND 25 LBS BACON. IN ? OF THE CUSTOMS LAWS. I FOUND THOSE FOODS IN THE POCESSION OF A CHINAMANAH SEU WHO IS MINING ON THE BOUNDARY CREEK AND WHO I HAVE SUSPECTED FOR A LONG TIME. HAVING GOOD PROOF THAT HE NEVER INTENDED TO PAY DUTIES ON THE GOODS. I SEIZED THEM AND HAD THEM REMOVED TO ROCK CREEK, I AM INFORMED BY WHITE MEN AND INDIANS THAT THE CHINAMEN ON THIS CREEK ARE IN THE HABIT OF SMUGGLING IN A SMALL WAY. MAY I THEREFORE RECOMEND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION MAY BE DEALTH WITH SEVERLY. IN ORDER TO STOP FURTHER ATTEMPTS OF THE KIND. NOT HAVING THE AUTHORITY TO PROCEED FURTHER IN THIS MATTER MYSELF I WILL THANK YOU TO INFORM ME WHAT I WILL DO WITH THE SIEZED GOODS. I HOPE YOU WILL APPROVE OF MY ACTION IN THIS MATTER.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT. W.H.LOWE
W. HANDRY ESQ. COLL. CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 5TH NOVEMBER 1871

SIR: IN COMPLIANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN YOUR LETTER OF THE 21ST I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT I HELD A POLL AT ROCK CREEK YESTERDAY. AND HEREWITH RETURN YOUR POLL BOOK. IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE POLL BEING HELD AT ROCK CREEK INSTEAD OF SOOYOOS, THE DISTANCE IS TO NOT FROM? THE RESULTS OF THIS ? ENTITLED TO VOTE. MAY I RECOMMEND THAT SOOYOOS COURT HOUSE INSTEAD OF ROCK CREEK BE MADE THE POLL AT THE APPROACHING / IN ORDER TO GIVE THE OTHERS OF THIS DIVISION AN OPPORTUNITY OF BEING THE MOST CENTRAL PLACE.

W.H.LOWE

A.J. BUSHLY ESQ.

SOOYOOS LAKE 1ST NOV 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH MY ACCOUNTS FOR LAST MONTH WHICH I HOPE YOU WILL FIND SATISFYING.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT. W.H.LOWE
W. HANDRY ESQ. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 6TH NOV. 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT AN INDIAN NAMED 'SHE-MAL-LA' WHO WAS COMMITTED FOR THE MURDER OF ANOTHER INDIAN AT ROCK CREEK AND WHO---

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ESCAPED FROM THE JAIL IN THIS PLACE ON THE 21ST OF JULY 1869, IS NOW IN THE CUSTODY OF SOME INDIANS BETWEEN THIS PLACE AND (AHIOLLO?) WHO ARE BRINGING HIM UP TO ME. IN ORDER TO MEET THE ENDS OF JUSTICE I HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO LODGE HIM IN JAIL AND AWAIT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IN THE MATTER. I KNOW THE INDIAN TO BE A ? FELLOW AND HE COMMITTED A VERY BAD MURDER. ALL THE DEPOSTIONS AND PAPERS RELATIVE TO THE MATTER WERE SENT DOWN TO MR. O'RIELLY AT THIS TIME. THE JAIL ACCOMODATION AT THIS PLACE IS BY NO MEANS GOOD OR SECURE BESIDES I WILL HAVE TO EMPLOY A SPECIAL CONSTABLE IN CASE THE MURDERER IS HANDED ON TO ME. MAY I THEREFORE SAY THAT YOU WILL GIVE ME THE AUTHORITY TO SEND HIM DOWN. I WILL ALSO SAY THAT IN CASE YOU REQUIRE THE INDIAN WITNESSES IN THE CHINESE CASE IT WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY OF SENDING THEM DOWN TOGETHER. I WILL THANK YOU TO LET ME HEAR FROM YOU AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE ABOUT THIS MATTER.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
A.J. BUSHLY ESQ. S.M. YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 14TH NOV. 1871

SIR: ON RECIEPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED 1ST INSTANT, RELATIVE TO SENDING DOWN INTERPRETER AND INDIAN WITNESSES IN THE CHINESE CASE. I BEG TO INFORM YOU I IMMEDIATLY SENT DOWN A SPECIAL MESSENGER TO THE MISSION INFORMING MCDUGALL THE INTERPRETER, THAT HIS SERVICES WOULD BE REQUIRED WITH THE TWO INDIAN WITNESSES AT NEW WESTMINSTER ON THE 23RD INSTANT. THE MESSENGER HAS JUST RETURNED AND I AM SORRY TO SAY THAT HE INFORMS ME THAT MCDUGALL LEFT THE MISSION TWO DAYS BEFORE THE MESSENGER ARRIVED ON A TRADING EXPEDITION IN THE DIRECTION OF KAMLOOPS AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN FOR A MONTH. ONE OF THE WITNESSES IS ALSO ABSENT HUNTING IN THE MOUNTAINS. UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE THE WITNESSES SENT DOWN IN TIME IN TIME FOR THE DAY APPOINTED. I WILL THEREFORE EMPLOY A SPECIAL MESSENGER TO CONVEY THIS TO HOPE. IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY NOT BE DISAPPOINTED ON THE DAY OF COURT I WILL ALSO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE MESSENGER TO REMAIN AT HOPE UNTIL YOU HAVE TIME TO REPLY TO MY LETTERS., OR SEND ANY MESSAGES YOU MAY HAVE FOR THIS MATTER.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
A.J. BUSHLY ESQ. S.M. YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 14TH NOV. 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECIEPT OF YOUR LETTER THE 30TH ENCLOSING FIVE DUPLICATE VOUCHERS IN SIGNATURE AND PAY SHEETS. I NOW ENCLOSE THE VOUCHERS SIGNED AND FILLED IN. I HAD HOWEVER TO REGRET ? VOUCHERS SIGNED BY ANOTHER PERSON., AS ? HAS LEFT THIS PART AND IS NOW RESIDING AT KAMLOOPS OR CARIBOU. I HOPE THE ARRANGMENT I HAVE MADE WILL ANSWER UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AS IT WILL CAUSE GREAT DELAY TO SEND THE VOUCHERS TO HIM. HAVING SENT DOWN MY PAY SHEET IN LAST MONTHS ACCOUNTS I PRESUME IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO RETURN THE ONE I HAVE JUST RECIEVED FROM YOU. I SHALL CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IN REGARD TO THE GOODS NOW UNDER SIEZURE. I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT I SENT A SPECIAL MESSENGER YESTERDAY TO SHEPARD WITH A PACKAGE OF LETTERS AND PAPERS ADRESSED TO MR. HAYNES. J. JOHNSTON THE KOOTENAY MAIL CARRIER WHO PASSED HERE A FEW DAYS AGO HAVING REFUSED TO TAKE THE SAME. MANY OF THE OFFICAL LETTERS ARE FROM YOURSELF AND ? THEY MIGHT BE OF SOME IMPORTANCE I SENT THEM TO THE OFFICE AT SHEPARD AND ADVISED HIM TO SEND THEM ON TO KOOTENAY. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
W. HAMDREY ESQ. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 20TH NOV, 1871

SIR: WE HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECIEPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED

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31ST GRANTING US A PASTORAL LEASE OF 2500 ACRES OF LAND ON THE OKANAGAN RIVER ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS. IN REPLY WE BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT WE ACCEPT OF THE TERMS CONTAINED IN YOUR COMMUNICATION IN REFERENCE TO THE MATTER. NOT KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT ANY OF THE SURVEYORS AT PRESENT EMPLOYED ON THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY MAY BE IN THIS VICINITY OR NOT LAST SEASON. WE ARE UNABLE TO INFORM YOU AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF LETTING THE LAND SURVEYORS PROPOSED IN YOUR LETTER. HOWEVER IF SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY OCCUR WE WILL AVAIL OURSELVES OF IT. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE LAND CAN BE EASLIY IDENTIFIED BY WELL KNOWN POINTS AND BOUNDARIES AND REFER YOU TO PLAN OF THE SAME. ACCOMPANING ONE APPLICATION NAMELY: A LOW WILLOW? BOTTOM ON THE OKANAGAN RIVER COMMENCING ON THE NORTH END OF MR. HAYNES PRE-EMPTION CLAIM AND EXTENDING UP ON BOTH SIDES OF THE OKANAGAN RIVER IN A NORTHERNLY DIRECTION TO THE HEAD OR SOUTH END OF MR. HOWES (OR LOWES) PRE-EMPTION CLAIM BEING ABOUT 800 YARDS IN WIDTH AND BOUND ON EITHER SIDE BY HIGH BENCH LAND AND SPURS FROM THE MOUNTAIN. FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS WE WOULD REFER YOU TO MR. DEWDNEY WHO RECENTLY SURVEYED OUR LAND AND WHO IS NO DOUBT WELL ACCOMPLISHED WITH ITS LOCALITY. WE HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANTS HAYNES AND LOWE THE CHIEF COMMST. OF LAND AND WORKS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 21ST DEC. 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH COPY OF CASH BOOK FROM 1ST OF OCT. TO DATE ALL THE ACCOUNTS BEING NIL. I VISITED ROCK CREEK A FEW DAYS AGO ONLY TWO WHITE MEN AND A FEW CHINAMEN ARE WINTERING THERE. I ENCLOSE A COUPLE OF VOUCHERS WHICH I HAVE PAID AMOUNTING TO \$35.00 WHICH I WILL THANK YOU TO VISIT WHEN CONVENIENT. THE WINTER HAS ALREADY BEEN MOST VIOLENT. THE WEATHER HAS BEEN SO COLD AND STORMY SINCE THE 1ST OF THE MONTH THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE. I HAVE NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE TO COMMUNICATE. EVERYTHING IS QUIET AND PEACABLE IN THESE PARTS. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
A.J. BUSHLY ESQ. S.M. YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 26TH NOV. 1871

extend SIR: HAVING LEASED THE HUDSONS BAY CO. FORM AND PROPERTY AT KEREMEOUS AND FINDING IT LIMITED IN ? FOR MY STOCK, I HEREWITH MAKE APPLICATION FOR A PASTORAL LEASE OF ABOUT 3000 ACRES OF LAND IN THE SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY FOR ATURN OF SEVEN YEARS OR AS LONG AS IS VISUAL IN SUCH MATTERS. THE LAND APPLIED FOR COMMENCES AT A VERY PROMINENT AND WELL KNOWN BLUFF OR SPUR FROM THE MOUNTAIN ABOUT FIVE MILES DOWN FROM KEREMEOS AND EXTENDS DOWN ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SIMILKAMEEN RIVER BEING ABOUT 900 YARDS IN WIDTH AND BOUNDED ON BOTH SIDES BY HIGH BENCH LAND AND MOUNTIANS. I WILL ALSO MENTION THAT THE LAND APPLIED FOR IS UNOCCUPIED AND NOT ADAPTED FOR AGRICULTURE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
A.J. BUSHLY ESQ.

SOOYOOS LAKE 26 DECEMBER 1871

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR NOVEMBER AND THIS MONTH WITH VOUCHERS AND LANDING WARRANTS WHICH I HOPE WILL MEET YOUR APPROVAL. AS AN OPPORTUNITY HAS OFFERED OF SENDING THE ACCOUNTS BY MES. ? I HAVE CLOSED THE ACCOUNTS A FEW DAYS SOONER THAN I WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE DONE. I HOPE IT WILL NOT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. AS THERE IS NO PROBABILITY OF ANY MORE IMPORTS BEFOR E THE END OF THE YEAR. IN COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR MENTIONED IS REFERENCE TO THE SMUGGLED GOODS, I BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT THE PARTY REFUSED TO RETURN THEM FOR THE SUM MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER OF 25.00 OUT OF THIS AMOUNT I HAD TO PAY THE TRADER AT ROCK CREEK. TEN DOLLARS FOR

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WHICH NOW LEAVES A BALANCE IN MY HANDS OF \$15.00. I WILL THANK YOU TO INFORM ME HOW I AM TO ACCOUNT FOR THIS AMOUNT. THERE IS NO PROSPECTS OF ANY IMPORTS AT THIS STATION BEFORE THE END OF MARCH. I AM AT PRESENT UNABLE TO INFORM YOU AS TO THE PROSPECTS OF THE ? ? SEASON. THE WINTER HAS SET IN MOST VIOLENT. THE WEATHER IN THE LAST MONTH BEING SO EXCEEDINGLY SEVERE AND STORMY THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT. W.H.LOWE
W. HAMLEY ? COLLECTOR VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 10 JANUARY 1872

SIR: IN ANTICIPATION OF THE APPROACHING CHANGES WHICH I AM INFORMED ARE ABOUT TO BE MADE UNDER THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. I HAVE THE HONOR TO APPLY THRU YOU FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COLLECTOR AT THIS STATION. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE NOW THE HONOR OF HAVING SERVED IN YOUR DEPARTMENT SINCE 1862, REALLY A TIME OF 12 YEARS. DURING WHICH TIME I BEEN INCREASINGLY ON DUTY AT THIS PLACE AND ELSEWHERE IN THE DISTRICT. IN ADDITION TO PERFORMING THE DUTY OF PEACE OFFICER. I THEREFORE RESPECTFULLY SOLICIT YOUR INFLUENCE IN GRANTING ME THIS INDULGENCE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
W. HAMLEY COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 24TH JANUARY 1872

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD TO HOPE BY INDIAN MESSENGER THE KOOTENAY MAIL WHICH REACHED HERE LAST EVENING FROM SHEPHERD WHERE IT I AM INFORMED UNADVOIDABLY REMAINED SEVERAL DAYS. THE OFFICER OF THAT PLACE NOT BEING ABLE TO GET ANY OUR TO MIDERTAKE? THE TRIP SOONER. OWING TO THE EXTREME SEVERITY OF THE WEATHER., WHICH HAS ALSO HAS BEEN SEVERE IN THESE PARTS SINCE THE FIRST OF LAST DECEMBER. EVER SINCE THAT TIME IT HAS BEEN A CONNUATION OF STORMY WEATHER. ACCOMPANIED WITH ? COLD. PARTIES HAVING STOCK IN THE COUNTRY ARE ALREADY GETTING VERY UNEASY. SEVERAL PARTIES HAVE ALREADY COMMENCED FEEDING AND I FEAR THAT IF THE COLD CONTINUES MUCH LONGER THAT A GREAT MANY OF THE STOCK WILL PERISH. I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE PROSPECTS OF THE REVENUE AT THIS STATION NEXT SEASON ARE I THINK VERY GOOD. SEVERAL PACKERS FROM THE UPPER COUNTRY PASSED HERE RECENTLY ON THEIR WAY TO WALLA WALLA AND OTHER PLACES WITH THE INTENTION OF PURCHASING PACK HORSES AND ANIMALS AND RETURNING TO THE COLVING? WITH THEM BY THIS ROUTE, EARLY IN THE SPRING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PACKING TO THE RECENTLY DISCOVERED GOLD FIELDS OF THE PEACE RIVER. I AM ALSO INFORMED BY RELIABLE ? source THAT SEVERAL PARTIES HAVE SINCE GONE TO WALLA WALLA BY VICTORIA FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE YOUR SIR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
W. HAMLEY ESQ. VICTORIA, B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 21 APRIL 1872

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATION FOR JAN. FEB., AND MARCH WITH FIVE ORIGINAL LANDING WARRANTS AND VOUCHERS. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF SOME IMPORTANCE IN THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OCCASIONALLY BY THE ADOPTION OF THE CANADIAN TARIFF IN REFERENCE TO BRITISH COLUMBIA PACK TRAINS WHICH ARE EMPLOYED IN PACKING FROM COLVILLE AND OTHER PARTS OF THE AMERICAN TERRITORIES AND WHICH HAVE HITHERTO BEEN SUBJECT- TO PAY CUSTOMS DUTIES EACH TIME THEY CAME INTO THE COUNTRY. WITH THE PRESENT HIGH TARIFF ON ANIMALS BELIEVABLE AS FORMERLY, WILL NO DOUBT PREVENT ANY FURTHER TRAFFIC IN THAT WAY WHICH WILL BE A GREAT HARDSHIP ON THOSE RESIDING IN THIS PART AND ARE ? TO THE COUNTRY ON THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY. SHOULD ANY ALTERATIONS BE MADE I WILL THANK YOU TO INFORM ME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. MANY TRAINS HAVE PASSED THIS STATION ALL OF WHICH WERE SUBJECT TO THE NEW TARIFF.

I AM INFORMED BY MR. MOORE WHO IS ATTENDING TO THE CUSTOMS DUTIES AT SHEPHERD THAT THE STEAMER '49' IS ALREADY PREPARING TO MAKE A TRIP TO 'BIG BEND'?
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
W.HAMLEY ESQ. VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 26 MARCH 1872

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECIEPT OF YOUR LETTER OF THE 16TH INSTANT ENCLOSING THREE INVIOCES FOR PAYMENT OF SURVEYED LAND BY TWO FOR MR. HAYNES AND ONE FOR MYSELF. I WILL FORWARD MR. HAYNES MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY AND SO SOON AS I CAN A REPLY WILL RE? YOU WITH THE AMOUNT CALLED FOR. THE NOTICE ADDRESSED TO ME SEEMS TO BE INCORRECT AS IT POINTS OUT MY LAND TO BE SITUATED AT GRAND PRAIRIE INSTEAD OF ON THE OKANAGAN RIVER. I THEREFORE RETURN IT TO YOU FOR CORRECTION.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
A.J. BUSHLY ESQ.
YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST MARCH 1872

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT I RETURNED FROM MISSION VALLEY AND THE HEAD OF OKANAGAN LAKE ON THE 23RD INSTANT., I REMAINED A FEW DAYS AT EACH PLACE IN CONSEQUENCE OF SOME DISPUTES AND LIFTING DISTURBANCES BETWEEN THE SETTLERS AND THE INDIANS. ALL OF WHICH I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU I ARRANGED AMICABLY. I ALSO ISSUED A FEW LETTERS THRU COUNTERFOILS OF WHICH I HEREWITH ENCLOSE. THE SETTLERS INFORM ME THAT THEY HAD AN EXCEEDINGLY BAD WINTER UP TO THE MIDDLE OF FEB. SINCE WHICH THE WEATHER HAS BEEN MOST PLEASANT AND ALL THE STOCK IN THAT PART OF THE COUNTRY HAVE WINTERED WELL. I HEREWITH ENCLOSE COPY OF EACH BOOK FROM JAN. 1ST TO DATE TOGETHER WITH BALANCE APPEARING AS PER MARGIN.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDEINT SERVANT W.H. LOWE
A.J.BUSHLY ESQ. S.M. YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 13 MAY 1872

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE COPY OF THE CASH BOOK FOR APRIL TOGETHER WITH BALANCE APPEARING \$98.75.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
W.HAMLEY ESQ. S.M. YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 13 MAY 1872

SIR: I HEREWITH FORWARD BY MR. ELLIS MY ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL TOGETHER WITH THE SUM OF \$1913.12. ONA/C OF COLLECTIONS AT THIS STATION. I HAVE PAID MR. ELLIS THE SUM OF 25\$ FOR CONVEYANCE OF ABOVE TO YOUR OFFICE.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
W. HAMLEY ESQ.

SOOYOOS LAKE JUNE 13TH 1872

SIR: I HEREWITH ENCLOSE ACCOUNT WITH LANDING WARRANTS AND VOUCHERS AND MAY ALSO THE SUM OF 213.12 BEING THE AMOUNT OF MR. PRICES RETURNED CHECKS MR. ELI LEQUIME SETTLER FROM MISSION VALLEY WILL HAND YOU THE ABOVE SUM WITH THIS CONTAINING ACCOUNT. I WILL THANK YOU TO INFORM ME AT WHAT RATE I AM TO DRAW MY SALARY THIS YEAR.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
W. HAMLEY VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 30 JUNE 1872

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR MAY AND THIS MONTH, TOGETHER WITH BALANCES APPEARING IN ACCOUNTS \$99.50 ALSO COUNTERFOILS OF ?. IT BEING MORE CONVENIENT TO SEND PAPER MONEY AND NOTNOT HAVING THE EXACT CHANGE. I ENCLOSE 100.00 BANK BILL WHICH WILL LEAVE A BALANCE BY ME OF 50CENTS WHICH AMOUNT WITH YOUR PREMISSION I WILL DEDUCT FROM MY ? COLLECTIONATE IN ADDITION TO 1.25 WHICH WAS DUE IN WHEN SENDING DOWN APRIL ACCOUNTS UNDER A SIMILIAR CIRCUMSTANCE. I HAVE NO NEWS OF IMPORTANCE TO COMMUNICATE. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
A.J. BUSHLY ESQ. YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS 30 JUNE 1872

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS ON THIS MONTH WITH LANDING WARRANTS AND VOUCHERS WHICH I HOPE WILL MEET YOUR APPROVAL. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
W. HAMLEY VICTORIA B.C.

MAGISTRATES OFFICE SOOYOOS 20 JULY 1872

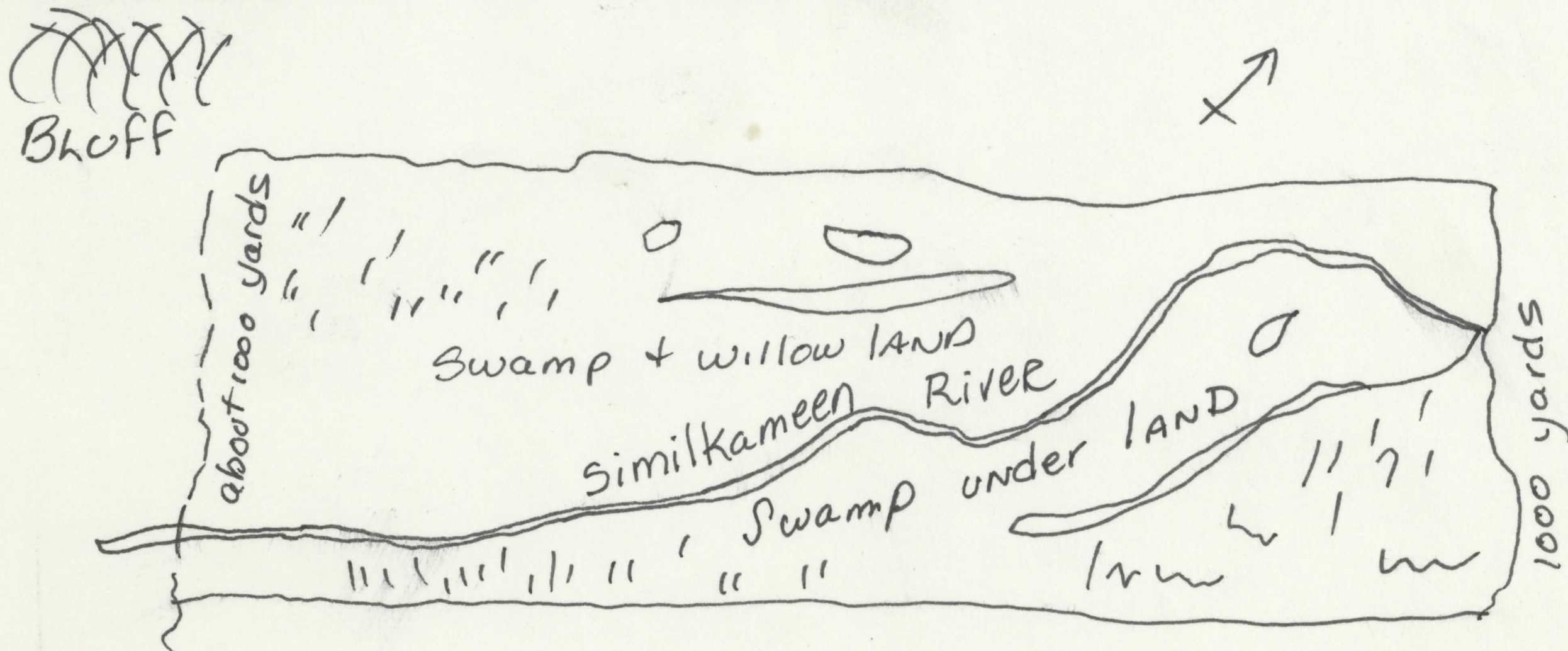
SIR: I WILL THANK YOU TO FORWARD ME A SUPPLY OF FREE MINERS CERTIFICATES AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. I ISSUED THE LAST FROM ON THE 7TH INSTANT AND ONE MANUSCRIPT ON THE 14TH. THERE ARE SEVERAL CHINAMEN MINING ON ROCK CREEK WHO REQUIRE LICENCES. WHICH I WILL ISSUE ON RECIEPT OF THE PROPER FORMS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
THE MAGISTRATE YALE B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE 24 AUGUST 1872

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO APPLY FOR A PASTORAL LEASE ON THREE THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY FOR A TIME OF FIVE YEARS. THE LAND APPLIED FOR IS A LOW WILLOW BOTTOM UNOCCUPIED AND NOT ADAPTED FOR AGRICULTURE AND AND COMMENCES AT A WELL KNOWN BLUFF OR SPUR FROM THE MOUNTAIN. ABOUT FIVE MILES BELOW KEREMEOS AND EXTENDED DOWN ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SIMILKAMEEN RIVER BEING ABOUT ONE THOUSAND YARDS IN WIDTH AND BOUNDED ON BOTH SIDES BY A HIGH BENCH LAND AND SPURS FROM THE MOUNTAIN. I HEREWITH SUBJOIN A ROUGH PLAN OF THE SAME. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE (WILLIAM)
THE HONORABLE CHIEF COMM. OF LAND W VICTORIA B.C.

ROUGH PLAN OF LEASE OF 3000 ACRES OF LAND, APPLIED FOR BY W.H.LOWE
24 AUGUST 1872



SOOYOOS LAKE 6TH SEPTEMBER 1872

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS FOR THIS STATION FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST WITH ORIGINAL LANDING WARRANTS AND VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURE., WHICH I HOPE WILL MEET YOUR APPROVAL. I WILL THANK YOU FOR AFEW OF THE NECESSARY FORMS OF BONDS REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN BY AMERICAN PACKERS. RECENTLY REGULATED BY THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
W. HAMLEY ESQUIRE COLLECTOR CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE B.C. 8TH SEPTEMBER 1872

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBMIT FOR HIS EXCELLENCY THE LT. GOVERNOR? THAT SINCE CONFEDERATION I HAVE CONTIUED TO ACT AS PEACE OFFICER AND COLLECTOR OF REVENUE UNDER THE MAGISTRATES DEPARTMENT IN THIS DISTRICT. ALL THO I HAVE BEEN OFFICALLY INFORMED THAT SUCH WAS NOT MY DUTY AS CUSTOMS OFFICER. AS THE DUTIES OF THAT OFFICE ARE AT TIMES BOTH ARMOROUS AND DIFFICULT. I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT HIS EXCELLENCY WILL SEE THE JUSTICE OF GRANTING ME SOME PRIMARY RENUMMERATION FOR MY SERVICES SINCE CONFEDERATION AND ALSO THAT HIS EXCELLENCY WILL CAUSE TO BE MADE SOME PENANCE FOR THAT PURPOSE IN FUTURE. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
THE HON. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS 26TH SEPT 1872

SIR: IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF THE 9TH IN REFERENCE TO MR. LEGANDERS AND HARVINGS DUTIES, I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF THE MATTER FOR YOUR INFORMATION. MR. LEGANDER ARRIVED HERE ON THE 24TH AUGUST 1871 WITH A PACK TRAIN AS PERMITTED INTENDING TO GO TO CARIBOU, HOWEVER BEFORE ENTERING HIS ANIMALS, MR. MOHENLY? WHO WAS HERE AT THE TIME ENGAGED HIM TO PACK A LOAD OF FRIEHT FROM COLVILLE TO KOOTENAY, AND AS HE HAD ONLY CROSSED TO BOUNDARY AND WAS ABOUT RETURNING AND KNOWING HE WOULD HAVE TO PAY AT KOOTENAY. I DID NOT LOOK APOON HIS ANIMALS AS BEING IMPORTED, HOWEVER MR. LEGANDER PROPOSED TO PAY ME THE DUTIES ON HIS ANIMALS SAYING" HE MIGHT AS WELL PAY HERE AS AT KOOTENAY" AND I DID NOT THINK IT MADE ANY DIFFERENCE AT WHICH OFFICE THE REVENUE WAS PAID. I GAVE HIM HIS PERMIT, MENTIONING THE CIRCUMSTANCE ON ITS BACK FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE CUSTOMS OFFICE AT KOOTENAY. WHEN MR. LEGANDER ARRIVED AT KOOTENAY HE WAS AGAIN MADE TO PAY I BELIEVE BY MR. NORMANDIE. MR. LEGANDER NATURALLY CONSIDERED THIS VERY HARD - I HAVING TOLD HIM HE WOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY AT KOOTENAY REPORTED THE MATTER TO MR. HAYNES WHO HE MET NEAR KOOTENAY. WHEN MR. HAYNES ARRIVED HERE HE CONSULTED WITH ME ABOUT THE MATTER AND WE CONCLUDED THAT THE BEST WAY TO ARRANGE THE MATTER WOULD BE TO GIVE HIM CREDIT FOR THE AMOUNT HE PAID HERE IN CASE HE RETURNED THE FOLLOWING SPRING. I WOULD HAVE REPORTED THE TRANSACTION TO YOU AT THE TIME BUT I DID NOT CONSIDER IT OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE TO WORRY YOU ABOUT AND IF I OMMITTED TO HAVE MENTIONED THE TRANSACTION ON THE PERMIT RETURNED TO YOUR OFFICE IT WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SIMPLIFIYING THE ACCOUNTS. I NOW ENCLOSE A COPY OF THE ENTRY FROM THE BOOKS OF THIS OFFICE, AND HOPE YOU WILL FREE ME FROM ANY BLAME ON THE MATTER.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIT YOUR OBEIENT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
W. HAMLEY ESQ. COLLECTOR CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS 26 SEPT 1872

SIR: IN CONSEQUENCE OF VERY URGENT PRIVATE BUSINESS MY PRESENCE IS REQUIRED AT GROUGH? IN CANADA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE NATURE OF BUSINESS IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO ME AND REFERS TO SOME PROPERTY WHICH I POCESS IN THAT VICINITY WHICH HAS VERY NEGLECTED AND BADLY LOOKED AFTER BY MY ^{agent} AND WHICH CANNOT BE ARRANGED UNLESS I AM PURSUIT?. I WOULD THEREFORE RESPECTFULLY APPLY FOR SUFFIENT TIME TO RETURN AND SETTLE MY AFFAIRS AND

AND PURPOSE TO LEAVE HERE AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE BUSINESS SEASON IN DECEMBER. THREE MONTHS WILL I THINK GIVE ME AMPLE TIME TO ARRANGE MY AFFAIRS. IN WHICH CASE I WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO RETURN TO MY DUTIES BEFORE THE SPRING TRAFFIC WHICH DOES NOT COMMENCE BEFORE THE END OF APRIL. I MENTION THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN ON LEAVE SINCE I ENTERED THE SERVICE IN 1862. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I TRUST YOU WILL USE YOUR INFLUENCE IN GRANTING ME THIS FAVOR I HAVE ASKED.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDEINT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
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SOOYOOS LAKE 15TH DEC. 1872

SIR: I HEREWITH ENCLOSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAGISTRATES DEPARTMENT FROM 1ST JULY 30TH NOVEMBER TOGETHER WITH VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURES, AS I AM ABOUT TO VISIT CANADA AND WILL BE ABSENT FOR FOUR MONTHS. I WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND TO THE FURTHER COLLECTION OF REVENUE UNTIL MY RETURN.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDEINT SERVANT W.H.LOWE
THE CLERK OF THE BENCH YALE B.C.

1873

FEBRUARY 21ST 1873- FURTHER CUSTOMS AND VOUCHERS ARE SENT TO COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS AT VICTORIA. JCH

1872

JANUARY 6TH 1873 FURTHER ACCOUNTS AND VOUCHERS TO SEND TO COLLECTION OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA (PER KEOGAN) JCH.

21FEB- MAGISTRATES A/C FOR JANUARY 1873 SENT TO PROVINCIAL SECRETARY AT VICTORIA. JCH PER H.F. SMITH

25TH FEB-CUSTOMS A/C FOR FEBRUARY FORWARDED TO COLLECTOR PER T. ROBERTSON, KOOTENAY MAIL CARRIER JCH

25TH FEB- MAGISTRATES A/C SENT FOR FEBRUARY, TO PROVINCIAL SECRETARY VICTORIA PER T. ROBERTSON -KOOTENAY MAIL CARRIER JCH

APRIL 6TH- CUSTOMS AND MAGISTRATES A/C FOR MARCH SENT TO VICTORIA VIA OKANAGAN.

MAY 9TH- CUSTOMS AND MAGISTRATES A/C FOR APRIL SENT BY L. LANDVIOGHT VIA HOPE JCH

SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST JANUARY 1873

SIR: IN COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR LETTER OF THE 24TH INST. I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH THE ORIGINAL DEPOSITIONS AND STATEMENTS TAKEN IN THE MATTER OF REGINA V. 'ANDREW'. ON MR. LOWES RETURN FROM CANADA I SHALL ARRANGE FOR HIM TO APPEAR AT THE SPRING ? AT ROCK CREEK.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDEINT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES J.P.
THE HON ATTORNEY GENERAL VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 14TH FEB. 1873

SIR: IN COMPLIANCE WITH CLAIM VII OF 'LAND ORDINANCE 1870' I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH TRIPPLICATE OF PRE-EMPTION ? MADE IN FAVOR OF HUIPARD KENGAN. (RICHARD KRUGER), I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDEINT SERVANT
THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF LANDS AND WORKS.

28TH FEB. 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH A RETURN SHOWING RECIEPTS AND →

REIMBURSEMENTS BY ME FOR THE PROVINCIAL GOV. FOR THIS MONTH.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES J.P.
THE HON. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 28TH FEB. 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH TRIPLICATE FO PRE-EMPTION ?
BY ME ON FAVOR OF DANIEL DRINUK. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT
SERVANT J.C. HAYNES J.P.
THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF LANDS AND WORKS.

1ST MARCH 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH TRIPLCATE OF PRE-EMPTION ?
MADE BY ME IN FAVOR OF EMMANUAL BARCELO OF SILMILKAMEEN.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT. J.C. HAYNES J.P.
THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF LANDS AND WORKS
CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 26TH MARCH 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH TRIPLICATES OF PRE-EMPTION RECORDS
MADE BY ME IN FAVOR OF W.B. PRICE AND W. H. NICKELMAN.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES
THE ON. CHIEF COMMISIONER OF LANDS AND WORKS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST MARCH 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH ACCOUNTS FOR THIS MONTH
TOGETHER WITH LANDING WARRANT #3.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY VICTORIA B.C.

22ND APRIL '73

WROTE TO THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS IN REFERENCE TO PURCHASE OF SAFE SCALES
AND IN THE CUSTOMS STATION AT JOSEPHS PRARIE AND ENCLOSED TO HIM W.
CHARLES LETTER OFFERING THEM FOR 100\$. (H.B.C.)

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS 30TH APRIL 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU, HEREWITH, THE USUAL MONTHLY
DEPOSIT OF THIS STATION, TOGETHER WITH LANDING WARRANTS FROM #4 TO #10
INCLUSIVE AND VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURES.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIRYOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C.HAYNES
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS 30TH APRIL 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH A STATEMENT SHOWING MONEYS COLLE
COLLECTED BY ME FOR THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT DURING THIS MONTH.
VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURES AND COUTERFOILS OF LIESURES ARE ALSO EN-
CLOSED.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. PROVINCIAL SEC. VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 5TH MAY 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO APPLY FOR THE ORDINANCES PASSED DURING THE LATE
SESSION , AS I AM ENTIRELY IN THE DARK AS REGARDS TO THEM, AND THEREFORE
AM UNABLE TO GIVE INFORMATION TO PERSONS IN THIS VICINITY DESIRING SUCH.
I APPLIED SEVERAL MONTHS SINCE FOR THE OLD ACTS
IN THE CONDENSED FORM , BUT AS OF YET HAVE NOT RECIEVED THEM.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
HE HON. PROVINCIAL SEC.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 13TH MAY 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO DECLINE TO ACCEPT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF "COLLECTOR OF BOND TAX?" FOR THE POLLING DIVISION OF ROCK CREEK. AS CONVEYED IN YOUR LETTER OF THE 7TH INST. WHICH CAME TO ME YESTERDAY.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR SERVANT JCH
THE HON. PROVINCIAL SEC. VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 31 MAY 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH, THE USUAL MONTHLY REPORT OF THIS STATION TO DATE., TOGETHER WITH LANDING WARRANTS FROM #11 TO #16 AND VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURES.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES
THE HON. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

JUNE 4TH 1873

MAGISTRATES A/C FOR MAY SENT TO PROVINCIAL SECRETARY JCH

JUNE 30TH 1873

CUSTOMS A/C FOR THIS MONTH SENT TO THE COLLECTOR IN VICTORIA PER GEO. LANDVOIGHT
JCH

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 10TH JULY 1873

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS 10TH JULY 1873

DEAR SIR: I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF THE 27TH OF MAY. THE VOUCHERS STEVE AND C (ENCLOSED HEREWITH) MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ACCOUNTS WHICH FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE YOU WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO SEND DIRECT TO THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS AT VICTORIA UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
ANY STATIONARY REQUIRED FOR THE OFFICE YOU CAN OF COURSE PURCHASE A KOOTENAY OR ELSEWHERE, CHARGING ON VOUCHER FOR IT. I HAVE ENTERED D.M. McLAUGHLIN'S PERMIT HERE SO BE GOOD ENOUGH TO SEND ME \$11.59, BEING THE AMOUNT OF IT BY NEXT OPPORTUNITY.
YOURS TRULY, J.C. HAYNES
H.E. SIETYE
CUSTOMS OFFICER
KOOTENAY

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 6TH SEPT 1872

SIR: I HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS, INFORMING ME OF YOUR APPOINTMENT TO THE KOOTENAY STATION. I REGRET YOU DID NOT TRAVEL TO YOUR STATION VIA THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY AND THEN I WOULD HAVE MET YOU IN WRITE. YOU WILL HOWEVER STATION YOURSELF AT JOSEPH'S PRAIRIE AND COLLECT DUTIES ON ALL GOODS AND ENTERING THE COUNTRY. THE TRAIL FROM 'BITTER ROOT' VALLEY VIA THE KOOTENAY RIVER IS SELDOM OR EVER NOW USED BY PACKERS. YOU CAN HOWEVER RIDE OVER THERE FROM TIME TO TIME AS USUAL. AS W. NORMANWELL INFORMS ME THAT HE HAS HANDED YOU OVER A SUPPLY OF LANDING WARRANTS ALL REMAINING FORMS WHICH I LEFT WITH HIM, YOU WILL I TRUST FIND NO DIFFICULTY IN CARRYING OUT YOUR DUTY. IN REFERENCE TO THE BONDS FOR PACK-ANIMALS. I AM DIRECTED TO PERUSE ONE IRREDENT SECURITY TO THE BOND BESIDES THE PERSON GIVING IT. YOU WILL FIND NO DIFFICULTY IN THAT MATTER I THINK. I BEG YOU WILL SEND THE A/C OF YOUR TRAVELLING EXPENSES FROM VICTORIA, SO THAT I CAN FORWARD IT TO W. HAMLEY AS HE DIRECTS. YOU WILL SEND ME A MONTHLY ACCOUNT OF ALL TRANSACTIONS AT YOUR STATION, AND ANY CASH WHICH MAY APPEAR AS BALANCE AT THE END OF EACH MONTH., AFTER HAVING YOUR SALARY. YOU WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO HAND TO MR. VOULL, TAKING HIS RECEIPT FOR IT. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW SALARY AT THE RATE OF \$150.00 A MONTH. ANY OFFICIAL LETTERS WHICH MAY HAVE TRACKED KOOTENAY FOR ME YOU CAN OPEN AND OUT UPON IF NECESSARY. I ENCLOSE HEREWITH AN ACT TO REPEAL DUTIES OF CUSTOMS ON TEA AND COFFEE WHICH NO DOUBT YOU WERE AWARE OF BEFORE LEAVING VICTORIA,

AND ARE ACTING APON. I WOULD IMPRESS APON YOU THE NECESSITY OF USING STRICT ? IN ALL MATTERS OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE, AS NO OUTLAY CAN BE SANCTIONED EXCEPT INCURRED UNDER PROPER AUTHORITY, ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY REQUIRE I SHALL BE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU. THE ? OF THIS WILL TAKE CHARGE OF ANYTHING YOU MAY HAVE TO SEND THE WAY OF LETTERS AND C. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES
H.E. SIETYE ESQ. CUSTOMS OFFICER KOOTENAY.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST JULY 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HERewith , THE R^pORT FOR THIS MONTH, TOGETHER WITH LANDING WARRANTS FROM #23 TO #27 INCLUSIVE, AND VOUCHERS FOR \$25.00.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES
THE HON. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

P.S. THE OLD WHITE HORSE PURCHASED FOR THE DEPARTMENT BY MR. COX WHEN STATIONED AT KAMLOOPS IN 1859, DIED HERE LATELY OF DISTEMPER COUPLED WITH OLD AGE. J.C. HAYNES.

3RD AUGUST '73

MAGISTRATES A/C FOR JULY SENT TO PROVINCIAL SEC. PER KOOTENAY MAIL. JCH

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 12TH AUG. 1873

SIR: IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF THE 10TH INST. REGARDING THE 'PASTOR LEAVE' TO MR. LOWE AND ? ON THE OKANAGAN RIVER AND ENCLOSING A/C \$29.00.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE YOU HERewith A COPY OF MR. PEARSES LETTER OF OCTOBER 1871, CONVEYING THE TERMS ON WHICH THE LEAVE WAS ACCEPTED AND IN WHICH AS YOU WILL PERCIEVE THERE IS NO MENTION MADE OF AN ADVANCE OF TRUST OR A "DEPOSIT IN ACCOUNT OF SURVEY". I WOULD SUBMIT IN ORDER TO COVER THE EXPENSE OF SURVEY THAT THE NATURAL AND OTHER BOUNDARIES MENTIONED IN W. LOWES LETTER OF THE 20TH NOV. 21, ACCEPTING OF THE TERMS BE OPTED-VIZ.

"A LOW WILLOW BOTTOM ON THE OKANAGAN "RIVER COMMENCING AT THE NORTH END OF W. HAYNES PRE-EMPTION CLAIM AND EXTENDING UP ON BOTH SIDES OF THE OKANAGAN RIVER IN A MONTHLY DIRECTION TO HEAD ON SOUTH END OF W. LOWES PRE-EMPTION CLAIM, BEING ABOUT 800 YARDS IN WIDTH AND BOUNDED ON EITHER SIDE BY HIGH BENCH LAND AND SPURS FROM THE MOUNTAINS. I WOULD MENTION THAT THE LAND IN QUESTION CANNOT BE MISTAKEN, THE NATURAL BOUNDARIES ECT BEING PERFECT, AND AT ALL TIMES DISTINGUISHABLE. SHOULD THESE TERMS BE ACCEPTABLE, I SHALL FORWARD FUNDS DUE FROM NOV. 1ST 1871 TO 30TH JUNE 1873 AS MENTIONED IN THE ACCOUNT WHICH ACCOMPANIED YOUR LETTER.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES
THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF L AND W.

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST AUGUST 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATION FROM 1ST INST. TO DATE AND ALSO LANDING WARRANTS FROM #28 TO #35 INCLUSIVE WITH VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURES.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JC HAYNES
THE HON. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C./ MAGISTRATES A/C FOR AUGUST SENT TO THE PROVINCIAL SEC.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 20TH SEPT 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HERewith Mr. ROGER MORIES? APPLICATION FOR LAND UNDER THE 'SUPPORT RIGHT'. I UNDERSTAND THAT 100 ACRES ARE NOW ALLOWED TO EX-? INSTEAD AS FORMERLY, 150 ACRES ON PAYMENT OF 10\$ FOR THE ADDITIONAL ACRES. THIS LATTER I SHALL BE PREPARED TO ? AND ON BEHALF OF MR. R. MUNROE IN RECIPT OF YOUR REPLY TO THE APPLICATION. I WOULD BEG TO STATE THAT THE LAND APPLIED FOR IS UNOCCUPIED AND THAT THERE ARE NO SETTLERS IN THAT VICINITY.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES
THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF LANDS AND WORKS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS CUSTOM HOUSE 8TH NOV. 1873

DEAR SIR: RECD YOUR LETTER ENCLOSING A/C OF JULY AND AUGUST. BEING IN DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS AT VICTORIA. IT IS NOT NECESSARY THAT YOU SHOULD SEND COPIES OF YOUR A/C TO ME HITHERTO. YOURS TRULY, JCH

H.E. SIETYE ESQ. CUSTOMS OFFICER
KOOTENAY

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 6TH NOV. 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO APPLY FOR CROWN GRANTS OF LAND IN THE DISTRICT AND DESCRIBED IN MARGIN. (BELOW) TOGETHER WITH THIS IS ENCLOSED THE "CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE" AS REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE 1870. I ALSO HOLD "CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVMENT" DATED 14TH APRIL 1871 AND NUMBERED 21 IN YALE REGISTRY, CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE, 1ST AUG 1870, #18, AND IN FACT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ENTITLED ME TO RECIEVE THE GRANTS. THE LANDS IN QUESTION WERE SURVEYED BY W. DEWDNEY IN SEPT. 1871.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH

* PRE-EMPTION PURCHASE CLAIMS CONTAINING BY 3 EXCESS SITUATED AT THE HEAD OF SOOYOOS LAKE OKANAGAN VALLEY, AS SURVEYED BY E. DEWDNEY ESQ. IN SEPT 1871
THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF L AND W.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST OCT. 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE YOU THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATION FOR THIS MONTH, TOGETHER WITH LANDING WARRANTS FROM #42 TO #46 INCLUSIVE. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES
THE HON. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 10TH NOV. '73

SIR : I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HERWITH A/C FOR SEPTEMBER LAST AND VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURES. THE OUTLAY IN REFERENCE TO SPECIAL CONSTABLES THAT MONTH WAS OWING TO A DISTURBANCE WHICH TOOK PLACE AT BOUNDARY CREEK.

*CUSTOMS AND MAGISTRATES A/C FORMER OF ACT AND THE LATTER OF SEPT. FORWARDED TO HOPE BY INDIAN JOHN 17TH NOV. '73
THE HON PROVINCIAL SECT. VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 8TH DEC. 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HERewith THE REPORT OF THIS STATION FOR NOV. AND ALSO LANDING WARRANTS AND VOUCHERS FOR EXPENSES DURING THAT MONTH
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS.

8TH DEC. '73

MAGISTRATES A/C FOR NOV. FORWARDED TOGETHER WITH THE ABOVE BY J. WANDLE.
KOOTENAY MAIL CARRIER. JCH

8TH DEC '73 FORWARDED T. KRUGERS CERTIFICATE OF PRE-EMPTION RECORD TO THE CHIEF COMM. OF LAND AND WORKS. PER KOOTENAY MAIL JCH

31ST JAN. 74 - CUSTOMS AND MAGISTRATESA/C SENT TO VICTORIA VIA COLVILLE PER KOOTENAY EXPRESS. JCH

CUSTOM HOUSE 31ST DEC. 1873

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HERWITH A STATMENT FOR THIS MONTH. & ALSO LANDING WARRANTS FROM #51 TO #53 AND VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURES. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 11TH JAN. 1874

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO APPLY FOR PRINTED FORMS VIZ. INFORMATION, SUMMONS, COMMITTAL, CONVICTION, STATEMENT OF ACCUSED. ALSO VOUCHERS. TOGETHER WITH THIS I ENCLOSE STATEMENT FROM CASH BOOK FOR DEC. 73 I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDEINT SERVANT JCH THE HON. THE PROVINCIAL SEC. VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 28TH FEB. 1874

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH A A/C OF THIS STATION FOR JANUARY AND THIS MONTH AND ALSO LANDING WARRANTS #1 AND 2. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C.HAYNES THE HON. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 28TH JAN. 1874

SIR: IN COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR LETTER OF THE 2ND DEC. I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH CERTIFICATES OF PURCHASE OF MY PRE-EMPTION AND PRE-EMPTIONPURCHASE LANDS IN THIS DISTRICT, AND I BEG THAT CROWN GRANTS OF SAME BE DELIVERED TO W. JAMES WARDLE- KOOTENAY MAIL CARRIER. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF LANDS AND WORKS.

SEND BY KOOTENAY MAIL COLLECTIONATE STATEMENT FOR 1873., ALSO FOR JAN., FEB AND MARCH 1874. SEND TO THE CHIEF COMM. OF LANDS AND WORKS. JCH 20TH APRIL 1874

COLLECTIONATE STATEMENT FOR MAGISTRATES DEPT. JAN. FEB AND MARCH SENT TO THE PROVINCIAL SEC. JCH

20TH APRIL 1874

CUSTOMS STATMENT FOR MARCH SEND TO THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS ALSO PAY SHEET FOR MARCH AND APRIL. AMOUNT TO BE LODGED IN THE BANK OF B.C. JCH

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 25TH APRIL 1874

H.E. YOUNG ESQ.

DEAR SIR: YOU WOULD OBLIGE ME VERY MUCH BY ATTENDING TO THE MATTER OF ENTERING AND CLEARING THE STEAMER 49., SHOULD SHE MAKE A TRIP UP THE COLUMBIA AS MENTIONED TO ME IN A LETTER RECIEVED FROM W. PRINGSTROMS AND ALSO COLLECTING DUTIES AND INCOMING PERMITS IN MY NAME FOR ANY GOODS WHICH MAY BE SHIPPED BY HER. WITH THIS I ENCLOSE TO YOU THE "SHPPING ORDINANCE" OF THIS COUNTRY AND AS MUCH EXTRACTED FROM THE TARIFF AS YOU ARE LIKE TO REQUIRE AND ALSO A FEW PERMITS. SHOULD YOU NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND TO THIS MATTER FOR ME YOU CAN PROBABLY FIND A SUBSTITUTE. I SHALL OF COURSE HAVE ANY EXPENSE INCURRED IN THE MATTER. ? ? A REPLY BY THE ? AND BELIEVE ME. YOURS VERY TRULY JCH

SPECIAL LICENSE AND LETTER SENT TO A.J. PINGSTROM. MASTER OF THE STEAMER 49. JCH 25TH APRIL 1874.



CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS 16TH MAY 1874

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF THE 6TH INST. AUTHORIZING THE OUTLAY OF \$300.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRIDGING THE OKANAGAN RIVER AT PENTICTON. IN REPLY I WOULD BEG YOU TO INFORM YOU THAT OWING TO HIGH WATER IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERTAKE THAT WORK AT PRESENT. MR. ELLIS HAS BUILT A SUBSTANTIAL BRIDGE AT THE PROPER POINT, WHICH HE OFFERS FOR \$500.00 AND WHICH I WOULD RECOMMEND THE GOVERNMENT TO PURCHASE. THAT BEING AS SMALL A SUM AS IN MY OPINION A SOLID BRIDGE COULD BE CONTRACTED FOR.

P.S. I WOULD BEG AGAIN TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE COMPLETION OF THE TRAIL FROM PENTICTON TO THE MISSION SETTLEMENT ON OKANAGAN LAKE., AND WOULD SUGGEST IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC THAT A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS LEAST BE EXPENDED IN CHOPPING IT OUT. JCH.
THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF L AND W.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS 24TH MAY 1874

SIR: IN COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR LETTER OF THE 1ST INST. I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBJOIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN REFERENCE TO MR. LOWES PRE-EMPTION--- DATE OF RECORD 1ST AUGUST 1869 DATE OF CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT 1ST JAN 1870 DATE OF SURVEY BY W. DEWDNEY 27TH SEPT. 1871.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES
THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF L. AND W.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS 24TH MAY 1874

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF THE 24TH INST. TOGETHER WITH THE UNDER MENTIONED FORMS. VIZ. 20 COPIES OF "ALIEN DECLARATION", 50 DECLARATION #2, 25 OF PROOF OF SETTLEMENT PREVIOUS TO SURVEY, 50 OF CERTIFICATE OF RECORD, 25 OF APPLICATION TO BE RECORDED AS A HOMESTEAD SETTLER UPON UNSURVEYED LAND, 25 LAND SETTLED UPON UNDER CERTIFICATE OF RECORD, 25 APPLICATION FOR RECORD AS A HOMESTEAD SETTLER UPON SURVEYED LAND, 25 APPLICATION FOR ENTRY UPON SURVEYED LAND, 1 MAP SHOWING DIVISIONS OF YALE DISTRICTS. ALSO MONTHLY STATEMENT FORMS IN ABUNDANCE.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES
THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF LAND W.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS B.C. 10TH JULY 1874

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE YOU HEREWITH DEPOSITIONS TAKEN BY ME IN THE MATTER OF PETER ADAIR FOR THE KILLING OF ONE JOSEPH LOPEZ AT KEREMEOS SIMILKAMEEN ON THE 6TH INST.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES
THE HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS B.C. 10TH JULY 1874

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REPORT THAT A MEXICAN NAMED JOSEPH LOPEZ WAS SHOT AND KILLED AT KEREMEOS SIMILKAMEEN BY ONE PETER ADAIR ON THE 7TH INST. ENCLOSED HEREWITH IS THE REPORT OF THE CORONERS JURY IN THE MATTER. PETER ADAIR WHOM I HAVE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL WILL LEAVE THIS PLACE FOR NEW WESTMINSTER IN JULY IN CHARGE OF SPECIAL CONSTABLE SHUTTLE WORTH AND DRISCOLL WITH AS LITTLE DELAY AS POSSIBLE.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES
THE HON. PROVINCIAL SEC. VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS 30TH JUNE 1874

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH A/C OF THIS STATION FOR THIS MONTH AND ALSO LANDING WARRANTS AND VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES

THE HON. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

N.B. MAGISTRATES FOR JUNE ALSO SENT PER SHUTTLEWORTH. JCH 12TH JULY 1874.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS 7TH AUGUST 1874

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HERWITH COLLECTORIAL STATEMENT WITH LANDING WARRANTS FOR JULY AND ALSO MAY SHEET IS DUPLICATED FOR MAY AND JUNE

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT J.C. HAYNES

THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA.

MAGISTRATES A/C SENT WITH THE ABOVE BY SHUTTLEWORTH, ALSO STATEMENTS FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE AND JULY. J.J. INGRAMS CERTIFICATE OF RECORD TO LANDS AND WORKS. DEPT. JCH

12TH AUG. 74

MR. NICHOLSONS APPLICATION FOR ? NIGHT AT FOR SHEPPARD FORWARDED TO THE LANDS AND WORKS DEPT. PER MR. VOWELL JCH

SEPT 19TH '74 - RETURN FOR AUGUST SENT TO THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS BY SHUTTLEWORTH. ALSO PAY SHEET FOR JULY AND AUGUST IN DUPLICATE. JCH,

19TH SEPT 74- MAGISTRATES A/C AND VOUCHERS FRO AUGUST SENT TO PROVINCIAL SEC. WITH THE ABOVE. JCH

19TH SEPT 74- APPLIED TO PROVINCIAL SEC. FOR MINING AND TRADE LICENCES. SUMMONS FOR WITNESS FORM AND STATIONARY. JCH

MAGISTRATES OFFICE SOOYOOS 7TH OCTOBER 1874

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR IN COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR LETTER OF THE 25TH JUNE, TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH COPIES OF PRE-EMPTION RECORDS TO ENTER IN THIS OFFICE SINCE THE 13TH MAY 1865 INC.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT. JCHAYNES

COMM. OF LAND AND WORKS

12TH OCT 74- CUSTOMS AND MAGISTRATES A/C FOR SEPTEMBER SENT BY J. WARDLE.- KOOTENAY MAIL, ALSO COPY OF RECORD BOOK FROM 13TH MAY 1865. FORWARDED TO LANDS AND WORKS DEPT. L & W STATEMENT ALSO SENT. JCH

SOOYOOS 10TH OCT .1874

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITHAN APPLICATION FROM MR. W. H LOWE AND MYSELF TO PURCHASE THE PIECE OF LAND LYING BETWEEN OUR PRE-EMPTION CLAIM AND AT PRESENT HELD BY US UNDER LEAVE FROM THE FORT. THE LAND IS INTERSECTED BY THE OKANAGAN RIVER AND IS UNFIT FOR AGRICULTURE USE BEING OF A SWAMPY NATURE AND UNUSED DURING SEVERAL MONTHS IN EACH YEAR. NOR HAS IT EVER BEEN APPLIED FOR BY ANY OTHER PERSON. ON BEING SURVEYED THE LAND WILL BE FOUND TO CONTAIN LITTLE OVER 2000 ACRES OF THERE ABOUTS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR--YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES

THE HON CHIEF COMM. OF LAND W VICTORIA B.C.

MAGISTRATES OFFICE SOOYOOS LAKE 20TH OCT. 1874

SIR: IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF THE 23RD JUNE LAST REFERING TO W. LOWES PRE-EMPTION CLAIM IN THE DISTRICT AND CALLING FOR INFORMATION THERE OF. I HAVE HONOR TO INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING; CERTIFIED COPY OF RECORD FORWARDED TO THE DEPT. OF LAND AND WORKS WITH ALL OTHERS SINCE 1865.- CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT HEREWITH ENCLOSED WAS ISSUED UNDER CLASE 30 OF LAND ORDINANCE 1865 NAS THEREFORE WRITTEN EVIDENCE AND DECLARATION NOT NECESSARY. VERBAL APPLICATION FOR SURVEY WAS MADE UNDER AND FEE PAID TO MR. O'RIELLY, THEN IN CHARGE OF THIS DISTRICT. IN APRIL 1871. NOTICES OF APPLICATION FOR CROWN GRANT -----

ECT HAVE BEEN DULY PORTED AND NO OBJECTION THUS TO BE ENTERED.
 I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
 THE HON. CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF LANDS AND WORKS

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS HOUSE 31ST OCT. 74

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HERWITH A STATEMENT OF COLLECTION AT HIS
 STATION FOR THIS MONTH, TOGETHER WITH PERMITS 27, 28 AND 29 AND ALSO ✓
 VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURES.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
 THE HON. CHIEF OF CUSTOMS

MAGISTRATES A/C FOR OCT 74 SENT TO PROVINCIAL SEC. JCH

CUSTOMS A/C FOR NOV. INC. PAY SHEETS FOR SEPT AND OCT. SENT TO COLLECTOR. JCH
 L AND W STATMENTS FOR SEPT, OCT, AND NOVEMBER FORWARDED TO LAND WORKS OFFICE.

CERTIFICATES OF PRE-EMPTION WITH DECLARATIONS FORWARDED TO CHIEF COMM.
 VIZ. D.L. OCONNELLY, CHAS PROESS, J. LE BLANC, T. CHRISTIAN., J. MCCAULEY,
 J. MCCONNELL. 19TH NOV. 74 JCH

CUSTOMS A/C FOR DEC. 1874 SENT TO COLLECTOR AT VICTORIA FROM NEW WEST. SALARY
 TO END OF YEAR. JCH SALARY FOR JAN. AND FEB. 1875. DRAWN AT VICTORIA

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 31ST MAY 75

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HERWITH, ACCOUNTS AND LANDING WARRANTS
 OF THIS STATION FROM 1ST JAN. TO THIS DATE 31 MAY. I BEG TO APPLY FOR FORM
 ASPER ? . I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH

THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

SHIPPING RETURNS FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING 31ST DEC. 74, ALSO FOR HALF YEAR
 ENDING 30TH JUNE 75., FORWARDED TO MINISTER OF MARINE OTTAWA. SENT BY WARDLE 14TH

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 1ST AUGUST 1875

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HERWITH, COLLECTORATE STATEMENTS
 FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY, AND ALSO VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURE,
 INCLUDING PAY LISTS FOR MARCH, APRIL, AND JUNE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH

THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOM VICTORIA B.C.

RETURNS OF LAND FOR JUNE AND JULY SENT TO CHIEF COMM. , ALSO A. POSTILES AND
 JOHN PAYTONS. CERTIFICATES OF RECORD. 5TH AUG 75

THE ABOVE A/C SENT BY WARDLE WHO LEFT FOR HOPE 14TH AUGUST.

MAGISTRATES OFFICE SOOYOOS LAKE 15TH AUG. 1875

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE VERY DILAPITATED
 CONDITION OF THE GATE AND OFFICE AT THIS PLACE AND IN WHICH NO EXPENDITURES HAVE
 BEEN MADE FOR REPAIR FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE ABOVE IS NOW IN SUCH A STATE THAT
 RAIN AND SNOW DRIFT THROUGHAT EVERY FALL AND THE PLACE IS IN THE WHOLE UNINHABIT
 ED . I HAVE THE BUILDING EXAMINED BY COMPETANT PERSON, WHO DETERMINED THE
 OUTLAY ? FOR PUTTING THE PLACE IN GOOD FOR UNDER \$400.00

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH

THE HON. C. .C OF L AND W.

CUSTON HOUSE SOOYOOS 18TH AUGUST 1875

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE YOU HERWITH A LIST OF ARTICLES SIEZED
 HERE LAST WINTER FOR AN INFRACTION OF THE CUSTOMS ACT. I WOULD BEG FOR
 YOUR INSRUCTIONS A TO THIER DISPOSAL. THIS MATTER WOULD HAVE BEEN FREED
 BEFORE YOU AT AN EARLIER DATE, BUT EXPECTING THE RETURN OF THE CHINAMEN
 FROM WHOM THE THINGS WERE TAKEN. WHO HAD LEFT FOR THE AMERICAN SIDE I DELAYED
 DOING SO IN ORDER, SHOULD OPERATIONAL OFFER TO INVESTIGATE THIS WINTERWHICH TOOK
 PLACE IN MY ABSENCE. EXPENSES TO THE SUM OF \$55.00 HAVE BEEN INCURRED IN THIS
 WINTER
 JCH

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SOOYOOS SOUTHERN BOUNDARY B.C. 20TH Nov., 1874

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR RESPECTFULLY TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE VERY DILAPIDATED AND ALMOST UNINHABITABLE CONDITION OF THE CUSTOM HOUSE AT THIS PLACE AND ON WHICH NO EXPENDITURES FOR REPAIRS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. I HAVE HAD THE BUILDING EXAMINED BY A COMPETANT PERSON, WHO ESTIMATES THAT THE LEAST SUM NECESSARY FOR PUTTING IT IN(\$1000), HABITABLE ORDER IS ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. I BEG THAT THAT AMOUNT BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE. I MAY MENTION THAT OWING TO THE TO THE GREAT EXPENSE OF MATERIAL IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY VIZ.. LUMBER 76¢ A FOOT AND SHINGLES & 10¢ DOLLARS A THOUSAND BUILDING AND REPAIRS ARE VERY EXPENSIVE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES
TO THE HON. MINISTER OF CUSTOMS. OTTAWA
FORWARDED TO CANADA THROUGH E. DEWDNEY ESQ. M.P.

SOOYOOS OKANAGAN 30TH SEPT. 1875

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH STATEMENT OF EXPENSES OCCURRED RECIEVED BY ME FOR THE GOV. OF B.C. DURING THE LAST FOUR MONTHS AND ALSO VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THAT TIME.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES
THE HON. PROVINCIAL SEC. VICTORIA

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS 30TH SEPT 1875

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE YOU HEREWITH COLLECTORIAL STATEMENTS OF THIS STATION THE MONTHS OF AUG. AND SEPT. AND ALSO LANDING WARRANTS AND VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURE. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT. JCHAYNES

THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.
LAND RETURNS FOR AUGUST AND SEPT. SENT C.C. LAND W. ALSO T. WOODS CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT. FORWARDED BY KOOTENAY MAIL CARRIER 11TH OCT '75.

SOOYOOS 2Nov . 1875

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE YOU HEREWITH DOCUMENTS IN REFERENCE TO LANDS IN THIS DISTRICT AS PER MARGIN. AND ALSO TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECIEPT OF YOUR LETTERS OF THE 6TH AND 28TH OF OCT. THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN WHICH I SHALL ATTEND TO .

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES
LAND RETURNS FOR OCT. AND NOV. MR. O'KEEFE S CERTIFICATE OF RECORD AND DECLARATION. CHAS. BROWNS, B.L. LEQUIMES, T. KRUGERS CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT WM. LACORTES ALSO TRANSFER OF INTEREST.

THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF LAND AND WORKS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS 1ST DEC. 1875

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE YOU HEREWITH A/C OF MONEYS RECIEVED BY ME IN THIS DISTRICT FOR THE GOV. OF B.C. DURING THE MONTHS OCT. AND NOV. AS ALSO VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURES DURING THAT TIME.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT HCHAYNES
THE HON. PROVINCIAL SEC. VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 1ST DEC. 1875

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH COLLECTORIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF OCT. AND NOVEMBER TOGETHER WITH VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURES AND LANDING WARRANTS. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY B.C. 3RD DEC 1875

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD TO YOU, HEREWITH, THROUGH E. DEWDNEY ESQ., M.P., VOUCHERS IN DETAIL FOR REPAIRS OF THIS HOUSE, TRUSTING THAT THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF THE OUTLAY, THE BUILDING BEING UNINHABITABLE AND THERE BEING NO POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING A HOUSE IN THIS VICINITY EITHER FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE PUBLIC BUSINESS OF THE OR THE RESIDENCE OF MYSELF OR FAMILY., COUPLED WITH THE FACT OF MY REPEATEDLY APPLIED SINCE 1872., FOR SANCTION OF THE WORK, WILL BE SUFFICIENT EXCUSE FOR THE EXPENDITURE WITHOUT THE USUAL AUTHORITY, BEGGING YOUR APPRAISAL AND SANCTION OF THE ABOVE WITH A REFUND OF THE MONEY.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT. JCHAYNES
THE HON. MINISTER OF CUSTOMS OTTAWA CANADA.

SOOYOOS 13TH DEC. '75

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH AN APPLICATION FROM W. JAMES MCCONNELL WHO SETTLED IN GRAND PRAIRIE, KETTLE TO PURCHASE 400 ACRES NEAR HIS PRE-EMPTION NEAR HIS PLACE. A PORTION OF THE LAND APPLIED FOR IN THIS INSTANCE WAS RECORDED ON FAVOR OF ONE JOHN PAYTON LAST JULY, BUT HAS SINCE BEEN ABANDONED BY HIM.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF LAND AND WORKS VICTORIA E. DEWDNEY BY APPEALED SURVEYOR.

N.B. MAGISTRATES A/C TO DEC. 31ST FORWARDED TO PROVINCIAL SEC.
LAND RETURNS UP TO THE 31ST DEC. '75. FOR TO CCLAND W.

SOOYOOS 15TH DEC. '75

SIR: IN ORDER TO SEND BY THIS OPPORTUNITY OUR OTHER BEING LIKES TO OFFER FOR SOME MONTHS, I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH A/C TO THE END OF THIS YEAR, HAVING CLOSED THEM FOR THAT PURPOSE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. CUSTOMS VICTORIA

N.B. WROTE TO HAMLEY ENCLOSING VOUCHERS TO REPAIRS OF HOUSE AND ALSO COPIES OF LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF CUSTOMS IN REFERENCE TO THIS.

SOOYOOS LAKE 20TH DEC. '75

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH ALL DOCUMENTS IN REFERENCE TO MR. WOODS CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT. THE CANCELLATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVOIDED BY REFERENCE TO ME AS THE NEW RECEIPT OF THE DECLARATION AT THE ? OFFICE WAS AN OVERSIGHT OF MINE. AS YOU WILL PERCEIVE BY THE ENCLOSED THAT THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF RECORD, TRANSACTED AT YALE, IS NOT NUMBERED, IT WOULD BE A SAVING OF TIME TO TRANSMIT THE FRESH CERTIFICATE WHICH I HAVE PREPARED AND ENCLOSE TO W. WOOD IN CACHE CREEK. THERE BEING NO MAIL FROM THIS PLACE TO APPROVE OKANAGAN. I RETURN CERTIFICATE OF RECORD #51 THAT CLAIM HAVING BEEN ABANDONED.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON CCL AND W VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS 20TH FEB. 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF 8TH TO INFORM YOU THAT I AM PREPARED TO CARRY OUT THE PURCHASE OF 400 ACRES OF UNSURVEYED LAND AT GRANDE PRAIRIE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 62 "LAND ACT" 1875 TOGETHER WITH THIS I ALSO ENCLOSE AN APPLICATION FOR 150 ACRES LYING TO THE EAST OF MY PRE-EMPTION ON GRANDE PRAIRIE, BEING UNOCCUPIED AND UNSURVEYED LAND. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. CCLAND W VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS 31ST JAN. 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH COLLECTORATE STATEMENT FOR----

THIS MONTH ACCOMPANIED BY PERMITS AND VOUCHERS FOR EXPENSES. I BEG TO
BE SUPPLIED WITH LANDING WARRANTS, VOUCHERS AND PAY LISTS.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

RETURNS SENT TO WM. SMITH ESQ. DEPT. MINISTER OF MARINE AND OTTAWA.
"SHIPPING MASTER" UP TO 31ST DEC. 1875 " SICK MARINERS FUND" A/C MARCH '76
RETURNS SENT TO WM. SMITH ESQ. DEPT. MINISTER OF MARINE A/C OTTAWA
VIZ: "SICK MARINERS FUND" UP TO 31ST SEPT 1876.
SHIPPING MASTERS UP TO 30TH JUNE 1876

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS SOUTHERN BOUNDARY 30TH MARCH 1876

SIR: IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF THE 13TH INST. IN REFERENCE TO THE
VALUATION? OF ANIMALS ENTERED AT THIS STATION. ALSO ENCLOSING COPY OF
COMMUNICATION FROM THE MINISTER OF CUSTOMS ON THAT SUBJECT. I HAVE THE HONOR
TO INFORM YOU THAT THE VALUE PLACED UPON LIVESTOCK BY ME HAS INVARIABLY
BEEN BASED UPON MY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED BY CAREFULLY EXAMINING
THE PRICES CURRENT IN THE MARKETS OF THE ADJOINING TERRITORIES OF THE
UNITED STATES, FROM WHENCE CATTLE ARE BOUGHT TO THIS COUNTRY VIA THIS ROUTE.
INVOICES RETURNS HAVE ONLY BEEN ACCEPTED OF BY ME AS A CLEAR TO THE VALUE, OR
ADOPTED WHEN SATISFIED AS TO THEIR CORRECTIONS. , AS NO DOUBT YOU
HAVE PERCEIVED BY MY RETURNS ALL ANIMALS HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED AND VALUED
ACCORDINGLY. I FEEL NO HESITATION IN ASSURING YOU THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE
CUSTOMS ACT HAS BEEN FAIRLY CARRIED OUT BY ME. AS NO DOUBT YOU ARE WELL
AWARE THE GREATEST DEPRESSION EVER KNOWN IN THE PARTS IN QUESTION HAS FOR
THE LAST FEW YEARS EXISTED, BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE BOUNDARY, MORE
PARTICULARLY THE LATTER, IN SEVERAL PARTS OF WHICH CATTLE AT TIMES
COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OF AT ANY PRICE. THE HORRORS WITH FEW
EXCEPTIONS BROUGHT IN HERE SINCE '72, HAVE BEEN OF THE POOREST CLASS, USUALLY
OBTAINABLE IN THE VICINITY FROM WHENCE THEY CAME AT FIGURES VARYING FROM
\$2.50 TO \$5.00 OR \$20.00. AS CATTLE ARE NOW COMMENCING TO LOOK UP
IN VALUE NO DOUBT SUCH WILL SHORTLY BE APPARENT IN THE RETURNS OF
VALUATION. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C .

23RD APRIL- COLLECTORATE STATEMENT OF CUSTOMS, ENCLOSED TO COLLECTOR OF
CUSTOMS. VICTORIA. THIS DATE 31ST MARCH 1876. JCH
M. KRUGERS CERTIFICATE OF RECORD FORWARDED TO C.C.L.&W.
COLLECTORATE STATEMENTS FOR JAN, FEB, MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY '76, FORWARDED
TO MINISTER OF FINANCE, VICTORIA, LETTER COVERING SUCH DATES 1ST JUNE.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 1ST JUNE 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HERewith COLLECTORATE STATEMENTS FOR
MAY AND ALSO LANDING WARRANTS AND RECEIPTS FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, PER
TO MR. SUPRANT. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.
CUSTOMS STATEMENTS FOR APRIL ALSO FORD TO COLLECTOR WITH PAY LISTS FOR
JAN, FEB, AND MARCH JCH

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS LAKE 18TH JULY '76
I HAVE THE HONOR TO DECLINE THE APPT. OF ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR UNDER
THE "ASSESSMENT ACT 1876" AS CONVEYED TO ME IN YOUR LETTER OF THE 7TH
I WOULD BEG TO SUGGEST M. BARRINGTON PRICE OF KEREMEOS-SIMILKAMEEN-
AS A GENTLEMAN LIKELY TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES
THE HON. A.C. ELLIOTT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS SOUTHERN BOUNDARY 20TH JULY 1876

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST"

SIR: IN YOUR ISSUE OF THE 31ST MAY LAST THERE APPEARS AN ARTICLE REFERRING TO THE VALUATION OF LIVE-STOCK UNDER THE EXISTING TARIFFS., IN WHICH IT IS ASSERTED AMANY OTHER STATEMENTS REFLECTING UNJUSTIFICABLY UPON ME AS ONE IN CHARGE OF THE CUSTOMS IN THIS VICINITY, THAT CATTLE CROSSING THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY ARE :HABITUALLY UNDERVALUED" AND PURPORTING TO PROVE THAT A MENTION TWO PERMITS ISSUED BY ME LAST JAN. ARE QUOTED AS INSTANCES OF UNDER VALUATION. THE PERMITS THUS REFERRED TO WERE GIVEN TO RESIDENTS OF THIS WEIGHT?? AND THE ACTUAL PRICES PAID FOR THE CATTLE AT WALLA WALLA AND LEWISTON, RESPECTIVELY, ADOPTED AS THERE VALUE HERE BEING BEING AS I AM PERFECTLY AWARE THE CURRENT RATES AT THE ABOVE MENTIONED PLACES. - THE HORSES ATTENDED TO AS ENTERED HERE ON THE 8TH DEC. PREVIOUSLY WERE CHIEFLY UNBROKEN INDIAN PONIES OBTAINABLE AT ALL TIMES IN THE ADJOINING TERRITORIES FOR A FEW DOLLARS AHEAD. AS FELT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRIES NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE BOUNDARY THE GREATEST DEPRESSION EVER KNOWN HAS FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS EXISTED IN THE CATTLE MARKETS, SO MUCH SO THAT AT TIMES ONE ACTING IN THE CAPACITY OF CUSTOMS OFFICER EXPERIENCES DIFFICULTY IN APPRIASING STOCK SO AS TO EQUITABLY MEET THAT ?? SOURCE OF THE COWS MENTIONED IN THE PERMITTS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN LATELY SOLD IN SIMILKAMEEN AT \$12 EACH THAT BEING THE FIGURE AT WHICH THEY WERE ENTERED HERE FOR DUTIES, AND AS FURTHER INSTANCE OF THE VALUE OF STOCK IN THESE PARTS . I SUBJOIN A LIST SHOWING THE PRICES AT WHICH CATTLE ARE AT PRESENT OFFERED WITHIN A FEW MILES OF THE BOUNDARY. VIZ:
COWS WITH CALVES-\$10.00 , STEERS 3 YRS AND UP-17.00, STEERS 2YRS OLD-\$10.00, YEARLINGS- \$6.00. HORSES AND COLTS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM \$2.50 UPWARDS.
I BEG YOU WILL HAVE THIS LETTER PUBLISHED AND I REGRET THAT AN EARLIER OPPORTUNITY HAS NOT BEEN AFFORDED ME OF REPORTING SUCH ASSERTIONS.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES

CUSTOMS HOUSE SOOYOOS SOUTHERN BOUNDARY 31ST JULY 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH COLLECTORATE STATEMENTS FOR JUNE AND JULY ACCOMPANYIED BY VOUCHERS FOR SALARY. I WOULD BEG TO APPLY FOR PRINTED FORMS OF PERMIT.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIT YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS SOUTHERN BOUNDARY B.C. 18TH JULY 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECIEPT OF CIRCULAR No. 177 AND SHALL ATTEND TO THE INSTRUCTIONS THERE IN CONTAINED. IN REFERENCE TO PART TWO OF SAID CIRCULAR I WOULD BEG TO STATE THAT I CANNOT SUGGEST ANY FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE ALREADY VERY TRIFLING EXPENDITURE AT THIS STATION.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
TO THE HON. J. JOHNSON COMM. OF CUSTOMS OTTAWA

SOOYOOS S.B. B.C. 13TH JULY 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECIEPT OF CIRCULAR OF 13TH IN REFERENCE TO THE INSPECTION OF STEAMERS. I SHALL ATTEND TO THE INSTRUCTIONS THEREIN CONTAINED. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE ECT JCH
THE HON. WM. SMITH DEPT. MINISTER OF MARINES. OTTAWA.

SOOYOOS LAKE 13TH OCT. 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH A/C OF THIS STATION FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER TOGETHER WITH PERMITS AND VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURE. SPECIAL OFFICER MOORES VOUCHER NOT HAVING REACHED ME FROM FORT SHEPPARD SHALL BE FORWARDED BY NEXT OPPORTUNITY.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES
THE HONBLE THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

TO- DEPUTY MINISTER OF MARINE SHIPPING RETURNS UP TO 30TH JUNE 76
SICK MARINERS FUND- UP TO 30TH SEPT '76 J.C.H. 13TH OCT.

MAGISTRATES OFFICE SOOYOOS 31ST OCT. 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE YOU ACCOUNTS FOR MONEYS COLLECTED BY ME IN THE DISTRICT OC SOOYOOS- OKANAGAN FROM 1ST JUNE TO 31ST TOGETHER WITH VOUCHERS FOR EXPENDITURE. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH PROV. SEC. VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS 31ST OCT. 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE YOU HERWITH, THE STATEMENT FOR THIS MONTH, TOGETHER WITH PERMITS FROM NO. 51 TO NO62 INCLUSIVE- MR. MOORES VOUCHER FOR 90.00, APPEARING IN A/C OF THE LAST MONTHS IS ALSO ENCLOSED. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS B.C. 30TH NOV. 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE YOU HERWITH THE A/C OF THIS STATION TO THIS DATE TOGETHER WITH PERMITS FROM NO. 63 TO NO.70 INCL. MESSERS HIBBEN 6.00 VOUCHERS FOR \$7.00 WILL BE DELIVERED BY THEM AT THE CUSTOM HOUSE. I HAVING SENT IT TO THEM FOR SIGNATURE. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

PAY LIST FOR OCT. AND NOVEMBER SENT TO THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS - MONEY \$278.32 TO BE PLACED TO MY A/C IN THE BANK OF B.C. JCH
NOV. A/C OF MAGISTRATES DEPT. FORWARDED TO PROVINCIAL SEC. JCH
2ND DEC. '76

MAGISTRATES OFFICE SOOYOOS LAKE 8TH DEC. 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REPORT A MATTER WHICH MAY PROBABLY REACH YOU FROM ANOTHER SOURCE- TWO WHITE MEN NAMED RESPECTIVELY JAMES MCCONNELL AND JOSEPH MCCAWLEY, IN OPPOSITION TO PROPER INFORMATION GIVEN BY ME ON THE SUBJECT, STAKED OFF AND APPLIED FOR RECORDS OF A PORTION OF THE INDIAN RESERVE IN THIS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD, ON BEING REFUSED RECORDS OF PRE-EMPTION BY THE LAND COMM. OF THIS DIVISION, ONE OF THE PARTIES C.E. - MCCONNELL AS I AM INFORMED, PROCEEDED TO VICTORIA IN ORDER TO BRING THE MATTER BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT AND ENDEVOUR NO DOUBT THRU FALSE REPRESENTATIONS TO OBTAIN SOME ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF HIS CLAIMS TO THE LAND. THE LAND IN QUESTION HAS AS I MYSELF AM AWARE, BEEN TITLED, FENCED AND BUILT UPON BY THE INDIANS FOR THE LAST 14 YEARS AND WHO NOW PROCESS SUBSTANTIAL HOUSES, INCLUDING CHURCH., ALL ERECTED ON THE STRENGTH OF THIER UNDOUBTED CLAIM TO THE LAND. WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY MARKED OFF AS AN INDIAN RESERVE BY MYSELF IN 1871. ACTING UNDER AUTHORITY FROM MR. J MUSGRACKS FOR - MCCONNELL WHO HAS RESIDED IN THE COUNTRY FOR SEVERAL YEARS, NEVER BEFORE APPLIED FOR LAND IN THIS VALLEY ALTHOUGH HAVING TWICE RECORDED PRE-EMPTIONS IN THAT OF KETTLE RIVER. ONCE AT LEAST IN THE NIEGHBORHOOD OF KAMLOOPS. MCCAULEY NOW HOLDS A PRE-EMPTION AT GRAND PRAIRE, BELOW ROCK CREEK. - AS IS OBVIOUS TO RESIDENTS HERE, THE OBJECT OF THE ABOVE NAMED PARTIES, IS TO OBLIGE STOCK OWNERS ON WHOSE WINTER RANGE THEY HAVE DRIVEN STOCK, TO BRING THEM "OUT", THEY HAVING PREVIOUSLY SOLD TO A PERSON AT KAMLOOPS WHO FAILED TO KEEP HIS ARGUMENT. THERE IN THAT, JUSTICE TO THE INDIANS, COUPLED WITH A VIEW OF PRESERVING THE AMICABLE FEELINGS HITHERTO EXISTING BETWEEN THE WHITES AND ABORIGINALS OF THIS VICINITY; THAT IMMEDIATE STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO PUT A SPEEDY STOP TO THE PRESENT MOST UNJUST ATTEMPT TO ENCROACH APON THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIANS. ALSO TO GUARD AGAINST SUCH IN FUTURE BY PROCLAIMING THE RESERVES IN THIS DISTRICT, A DESCRIPTION OF WHICH, -ALENDING TO THERE UN-SURVEYED?? I HAVE FORWARDED TO THE CHIEF COMM. OF LANDS AND WORKS. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR ECT. JCH TO THE PREMIER VICTORIA. B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS S.B. 16TH DEC. 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REPORT TO YOU THAT IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM MR. HENRY NICHOLSON ACTING TEMPORARILY FOR THE CUSTOMS AT ROCK CREEK, I PROCEEDED TO THAT PLACE ON THE 12TH INST. WHERE AFTER TWO DAYS DILIGENT SEARCH COUPLED WITH THE ARREST OF THE ACCUSED PORTERS, J. PORJUTON ? AND J. WATSON, I SUCCEEDED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MR. NICHOLSON IN SEIZING A QUANTITY OF GOODS, , ALIST OF WHICH I SUBJOIN THE ARTICLES WERE FOUND SECRETED ON THE PREMISES OF THE MENTIONED PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED BEFORE ME AS MAGISTRATE AND THE GOODS CONFISCATED FOR AN INFRACTION OF THE CUSTOMS ACT. I HAVE IN ORDER TO AVOID THE EXPENSE ECT OF KEEPING THIS MATTER IN ABEYANCE FINDING A REPLY FROM VICTORIA TAKEN TAKEN UPON MYSELF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ADVERTISING A SALE AT AUCTION OF THE ABOVE NAMED GOODS GIVING ALL PROPER NOTICE ECT AND SHALL REPORT FURTHER ON THE MATTER BY NEXT OPPORTUNITY. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF INFORMING YOU THAT OWING TO A STORE BEING ESTABLISHED CLOSE TO THE N.S. SIDE AND REPORTS HAVING REACHED ARE OF SMUGGLING IN THE VICINITY OF ROCK CREEK . I FOUND IT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE PROPER PROTECTION OF THE CUSTOMS REVENUE, TO EMPLOY M. NICHOLSON FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THIS LETTER MENTIONED EXPENSES WHICH SHALL APPEAR IN NEXT ACCOUNT WILL BE SANCTIONED.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBLIGED JCH COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA, B.C.

MAGISTRATES OFFICE SOOYOOS 31ST JAN. 1877

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE YOU HEREWITH STATEMENTS SHOWING RECEIPTS DISBURSMENTS AT THIS STATION FOR THE MONTHS OF DEC. AND JAN.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR OBLIGED SERVANT JCH
THE HON PROVINCIAL SEC. VICTORIA B.C.

RETURNS TO DEPT. MINISTER OF MARINE VIZ. SHIPPING RETURN UP TO 31ST DEC. 1876. SICK MARINERS-31ST DEC. 1876.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS S.B. 23RD DEC. 1876

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE A REPORT OF THE SALE OF GOODS CONFISCATED AT ROCK CREEK FOR AN INFRACTION OF THE CUSTOMS ACT. AS REPORTED IN MY LETTER TO YOU, OF THE 16TH INST. THE SUM REALIZED AT SAID SALE-\$86.37-SHALL APPEAR AS CREDITED TO THE DEPT. AS THE REPORT OF THIS MONTH.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBLIGED SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS S.B. 31ST JAN. 1877

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH A/C OF THIS STATION FOR THIS MONTH DEC. AND ACCOMPANIED BY LANDING WARRANTS AND VOUCHERS FOR EXPENSES. THE OUTLAY FOR SEIZURE AND AS APPEARING IN THE DEC. REPORT IS MUCH HEAVIER THAN I WOULD WISH, BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT SUCH WAS UNAVAILABLE. I WOULD BEG TO BE SUPPLIED WITH LANDING WARRANTS AND VOUCHERS IN BLANK FORM.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBLIGED SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

MAGISTRATES OFFICE SOOYOOS 12TH FEB 1877

SIR: IN VIEW OF A REQUISITION FROM RESIDENTS OF THE MISSION AND SIMILK-AMEEN VALLEYS ASKING FOR THE APPLICATION FOR THE FENCE ORDINANCE. I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUBMIT THAT THIS VICINITY I.E. FROM THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY TO THE FOOT OF OKANAGAN LAKE AS BOUNDED BY THAT WATER AND THE DIFFERENT MOUNTAIN RANGES BE EXEMPTED FROM SUCH, BEING DISTINCT AS TO DISTANCE, CHARACTERS AND REQUIREMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING FURTHER GROUNDS. I WOULD BEG ON BEHALF OF THE SETTLERS HERE TO DEMAND SUCH AS A MATTER OF RIGHT AND JUSTICE VIZ: NO RESIDENCE HERE AS I AM INFORMED REQUIRES THE APPLICATION OF THE "FENCE ORDINANCE" 2 THE UNFITNESS OF THE LAND OF THIS VALLEY, WITH.....

LITTLE EXCEPTION, FOR AGRICULTURE AND THEREFORE THE ALMOST USELESS EXPENSE OF FENCING, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PRESENT DEPRESSED STATE OF THE COUNTRY. -COUPLED WITH THE GREAT IDFFICULTY IN PROCURRING MATERIAL FOR FENCING PURPOSES IN A COUNTRY., REFERRING TO THE LOWER PORTION OF SOOYOOS VALLEY ENTERING BARE OF TIMBER.

3. IF INCLUDED IN A " FENCE DISTRICT, THE GREAT INJUSTICE WHICH MIGHT BE INFLICTED UPON LAND OWNERS AND TAXPAYERS BY THE TRESPASS OF STOCK BELONGING TO PERSONS LIVING AT A DISTANCE OF 30 OR 40 MILES - ALLUDING TO THE MISSION AND SIMILKAMEEN SETTLEMENT, WHOSE LANDS ARE ALREADY FENCED. TRUSTING THAT THIS VALLEY WILL RECIEVE DUE CONVERSION AT THE HANDS OF THE GOVERNMENT. I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES
THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF LANDS AND WORKS.

MAGISTRATES OFFICE SOOYOOS 12TH FEB. 1877

SIR: IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF THE 24TH, DEC. LAST, I HAVE THE HONOR TO STATE THAT THE SKETCHES OF THE INDIAN RESERVES IN THE VICINITY AS FORWARDED WITH MY LAST LETTER ARE TRUE AND CORRECT DESCRIPTIONS OF SUCH AS LAID OUT IN 1871. THE BOUNDARIES OF THE RESERVE AT "IN-COM-SITH"? [IN-KA-NEEP] AS MENTIONED IN THE SKETCHES ABOVE ALLUDED TO ARE SOOYOOS LAKE ON THE RIGHT, TAKING 500-700 AT BOTH SIDES OF THE CREEK MEASURING FROM A POINT OF ABOUT 50-70 FROM THE MARGIN OF THE LAKE AS FENCED BY THE INDIANS FOR MANY YEARS. THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES ARE FORMED BY ROCKY BLUFFS. THE EASTERN BOUNDARY BY THE SMALL LAKE SHOWN IN THE SKETCH. I OMITTED TO MENTION IN MY FORMER LETTER THAT THE LAND IN QUESTION IN-COM-EUTH WAS FIRST OBSERVED BY MR. COX WHEN MAGISTRATE OF THIS DISTRICT IN 1861 AND HAS NEVER SINCE BEEN OPEN FOR PRE-EMPTION. I SINCERELY TRUST THAT THE FIRST ATTEMPT MADE BY THE MEN MCCONNELL AND MCCAULEY TO ENCROACH UPON THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIANS WILL RECIEVE NO FURTHER CONSIDERATION AS HAD THEY ON THE STRENGTH OF ENCONAGRUMENT? FROM PREVIOUS EVIDENCE REGARDLESS ON THE PEACE OF THE COUNTRY, ATTEMPTED TO TAKE POCESSION OF THE RESERVE. I HAVE LITTLE DOUBT BUT THAT PHYSICAL EXISTANCE ON THE PART OF THE INDIANS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE RESULT.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
TEH HON. CHIEF COMM. OF LANDS AND WORKS VICTORIA, B.C.

PAY LISTS FOR DEC. '76 AND JAN '77 FOREWARDED TO W. HAMLY ESQ. AMOUNT \$278.32 TO BE PLACED TO MY A/C IN THE BANK OF B.C. JCH

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS S.B. 31ST MARCH 1877

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE HEREWITH ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATION FOR THE MONTHS OF FEB. AND MARCH TOGETHER WITH LANDING WARRANTS. I WOULD BEG TO BE FURNISHED WITH BLANK FORMS OF PERMIT.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

APRIL 14TH PAY LIST FOR FEB. AND MARCH. 1877 ENCLOSED TO W. HANLEY ? ? TO BANK OF B.C. \$278.32 JCH

A/C FROM FIRST OF FEB. TO 31ST OF MAY 1877. ENCLOSED TO PROVINCIAL SEC. VICTORIA, B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS 30TH APRIL 1877

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH. A/C OF THIS STATION, TOGETHER WITH LANDING WARRANTS FOR THE PRESENT MONTH. I WOULD BEG TO BE SUPPLIED WITH THE BLANK FORMS OF LANDING WARRANT, VOUCHERS AND PAY LISTS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS S. B. 31st MAY 1877

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATION FROM 1st TO DATE, TOGETHER WITH LANDING WARRANTS FROM No. 20 TO No. 29 INCLUSIVE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

TO DEPT. MINISTER OF MARINE OTTAWA RETURN- "SICK MARINERS FUND" UP TO 31st MARCH 1877.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS S.B. 30th JUNE 1877

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATION FOR THE PRESENT MONTH TOGETHER WITH LANDING WARRANTS FROM No. 28 TO No. 34 INCLUSIVE, & ALSO VOUCHERS FOR M. MOORES HAY.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS S.B. 31st JULY 1877

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH THE REPORT OF THIS STATION FOR THE PRESENT MONTH AND ALSO LANDING WARRANTS FROM No. 35 TO 45 INCL. PAY LIST FOR APRIL AND MAY.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS LAKE B.C. 9th AUGUST 1877

SIR: IN REPLY TO YOUR LETT ER OF THE 4th INST. ? YESTERDAY. I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU SO AR AS I HAVE FORMED FROM THIER CHIEFS THE INDIANS OF THE VICINITY , BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE BOUNDARY ARE PEACABLY DIS- FUSED . I HAVE NO INTENTION OF INTERVENING IN ANY WAY THE HOSTILE TRIBES OF IDAHO. I BELIEVE THE REPORT OF INDIANS OF THESE PARTS HAVING JOINED THOSE OF THE U.S. TERRITORIES IN REVOLT, TO BE A MERE FABRICATION. AS TO THIER HAVING STOLEN LIVESTOCKON OTHER PROPERTY FROM THE ADJOINING TERRI- TORIES OR ELSEWHERE IS UNTRUE. THE INDIANS OF THIS PLACE INCLUDING SIMILKAMEEN ARE PATIENTLY AWAITING THE EXPECTED ADJUSTMENT OF THIER LAND CLAIMS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
TO JAMES LENIHAN ESQ. INDIAN SUPERINTENDANT KAMLOOPS B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS B.C. 6th SEPT 1877

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH THE REPORT OF THIS STATION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST ALSO LANDING WARRANTS No. 46 TO 47 AND PAY LISTS FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUG. MR. MOORES RECIEPT FOR \$60.00 NOT HAVING AS YET REACHED ME FROM FORT SHEPARD, SHALL BE FORWARDED BY THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY. OWING TO THE INDIAN REVOLT IN THE NORTHWESTERNLY TERRITORIES OF THE U.S. TRAVEL FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS ALMOST ENTIRELY CEASED.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS SEPT 30th 1877

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH, ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATION FOR THE PRESENT MONTH. AND ALSO VOUCHERS FOR CUSTOMS COLLECTION FROM No. 48 TO No. 53. THE VOUCHERS FOR M. MOORES HAY WHICH HAS NOT YET REACHED ME SHALL VE FORWARDED BY NEXT OPPORTUNITY.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT. JCH
THE COLL. OF CUSTOMS

SOOYOOS 10TH OCT. 1877

SIR: IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF THE 2ND OF AUGUST. I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT MY DUTIES AS COURT OF REVISION AND APPEAL UNDER THE "ASSESSMENT ACT 1876" HAVE BEEN DULY COMPLETED.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES
T. ELWYN ESQ. DEPT. PROV. SEC.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS S.B. 30TH NOV. 1877

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU, HEREWITH, THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATION FOR THE MONTHS OF OCT AND NOV. ACCOMPANIED BY LANDING WARRANTS FROM NO. 54 TO NO. 65. INCLUSIVE. I ALSO ENCLOSE MR. MOORES VOUCHERS FOR PAY FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPT. OCT. NOV.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE ECT JCH

THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

P.S. M. MOORES VOUCHERS FORPAY OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST HEREWITH ENCLOSED. RETURN "SI MARINERS FUND" FORWARDED TO DEPT OF MARINE UP TO 30TH SEPT. 1877

MAGISTRATES OFFICE 30TH NOV, 1877

SIR: HEREWITH I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU A RETURN SHOWING MONEYS COLLECTED BY ME IN ACCOUNT OF THE GOV'T OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FROM 1ST JUNE TO 30TH NOV. VOUCHERS FRO EXPENSES ARE ALSO ENCLOSED. I BEG TO APPLY VR FOR BLANK VOUCHERS AND STATIONARY.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE ECT JCH

THE HON. PROV. SEC. VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS S.B. 15 DEC. 1877

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH "PAY LIST" FOR SEPT, OCT AND NOV., AMOUNTING TO \$417.48 AND WHICH I AM TO BEG YOU WILL HAVE PLACED IN THE BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, VICTORIA.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH

THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA

P.S. WRITING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE MAIL I MENTION IN MY LETTER OF THE 30TH THE ENCLOSURE OF M. MOORES VOUCHER FOR PAY OF SEPT, OCT AND NOV, BUT SUCH NO T HAVING OBVIOUS OPPORTUNITY. I SHALL FORWARD THEM NEXT MONTH. JCH

CUSTOM STATION SOOYOOS SOUTHERN BOUNDARY BRITISH COLUMBIA 15TH DEC. 1877

SIR: FROM A LETTER RECD FROM W. DEDNEY M.P. UPON THE SUBJECT OF THE MONEY EXPENDED BY ME IN BUILDING HERE. I AM TO BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD FAVORABLY CONSIDER THE TRANSFER OF THE HOUSE TO ME INSTEAD OF THE MONEY. I.E. \$1458.95 LAID OUT UPON IT. I HAVE THE HONOR THEREFORE TO PROPOSE SUCH TERMS AND BEG A REPLY AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, IT BEING NECESSARY TO SPEND A FURTHER SUM IN THE SECTION OF STABLES AND OTHER OUT BUILDINGS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH

THE HON. MINISTER OF CUSTOMS OTTAWA

ENCLOSED WITH LETTER TO DEWDNEY ESQ.

SOOYOOS LAKE CUSTOM STATION 31DEC. 1877

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATION UP TO THIS DATE ACCOMPANIED BY LANDING WARRANTS FROM NO. 66 TO NO. 71 INCL,

I ALSO ENCLOSE PAY LIST FOR MY SALARY FOR THIS MONTH THE AMOUNT \$139.16

I BEG YOU WILL CAUSE TO BE PLACED TO MY A/C IN THE BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

I WOULD BEG TO BE INFORMED UP TO WHETHER THE USUAL SHARE OF \$86.37 PROCEEDS OF SALE OF SMUGGLED GOODS AT ROCK CREEK, AS ACCOUNTED FOR IN REPORT OF DEC. 1876 IS TO BE ALLOWED TO THE SIEZERS AND IF SO WHETHER I AM TO PAY THE MONEY AND WHAT AMOUNT?

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH

THE HON. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS

DEC. 31ST 1877 MAGISTRATES A/C UP TO DATE FORWARDED TO PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

CUSTOM HOUSE SOOYOOS S.B. #1ST JANUARY 1878

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH THE REPORT OF THIS STATION FOR THIS MONTH, TOGETHER WITH LANDING WARRANTS FROM No.1 TO No. 6 INCL. AND A VOUCHER FOR \$30 PAID FOR FUEL.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS 5TH MARCH '78

SIR: ON BEHALF OF THE SETTLERS IN THIS VICINITY I HAVE THE HONOR TO RECOMMEND THE STRONG NEED FOR A BRIDGING OF THE SIMILKAMEEN RIVER AT PRINCETON. IT IS FEARED NECESSARY ?? TO DILATE UPON THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF THE ABOVE WORK TO BE DONE SO WERE ACQUAINTED WITH THAT ? ?., AND I WOULD THEREFORE SUGGEST, THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMENCING THE WORK BE MADE BEFORE "HIGHWATER" I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. FORBES P. VERNON C.C. OF LAND W VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS 28TH MARCH 1878

SIR: IN COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR LETTER OF THE 7TH JAN. LAST ENCLOSING ACCOUNTS OF SURVEYS MADE BY MR. ROLPH FOR MESSRS PRICE, LOWE, AND MYSELF AND ALSO "CUSTOM HOUSE LOT". I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH AMOUNT OF BALANCE APPEARING DUE I.E. SIXTY-SIX.78 DOLLARS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. CHIEF COMM. OF LAND W.

SOOYOOS S.B. 12TH APRIL 1878

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CUSTOM HOUSE AT THIS STATION WAS ENTIRELY DESTROYED BY FIRE IN THE EVENING OF TUESDAY THE 9TH INST. THE FIRE WAS FIRST DISCOVERED ON THE ROOF NEAR A STOVE PIPE AND ALTHOUGH EVERY EXERTION POSSIBLE WAS MADE TO EXTINGUISH IT BY MYSELF AND ALL AVAILABLE HELP I SOON FOUND THAT OWING TO THE RAPIDLY WITH WHICH THE FLAMES GAINED GROUND, THAT THE HOUSE COULD NOT WITH THE MEN AT HAND BE SAVED, AND THEREFORE ALL ATTENTION WAS DIRECTED TO SAVING ITS CONTENTS.

ALL THE OFFICE BOOKS, PAPERS ECT INCLUDING THE SAFE HAVE BEEN SAVED TOGETHER WITH SOME OF MY PRIVATE OBJECTS.

I WITH MY FAMILY AM AT PRESENT RESIDING IN A BUILDING BELONGING TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVT. USED AS A JAIL. I WOULD BEG TO SUGGEST THE NECESSITY OF RE-BUILDING THE CUSTOM HOUSE AT THIS STATION.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOMS SOOYOOS S.B. #)TH APRIL 1878

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL. I.E. THE PRESENT MONTH AND ALSO LANDING WARRANTS FROM No.12 TO No.20 INCLUSIVE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOM SOOYOOS S.B. 31ST MAY 1878

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATION FOR THIS MONTH, TOGETHER WITH LANDING WARRANTS FROM No.21 TO No.25 INCLUSIVE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCHAYNES
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

SOOYOOS BOUNDARY 30TH JUNE 1878

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ENCLOSE TO YOU HEREWITH THE ACCOUNT OF THIS STATION FOR THE PRESENT MONTH, TOGETHER WITH LANDING WARRANTS FROM NO. 26 TO NO. 39 INCLUSIVE., AND ALSO MR. MOORES VOUCHER FOR NINETY DOLLARS. \$90.00
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT JCH
THE HON. COLL. OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.

CUSTOMS A/C UP TO THE 31ST AUG. SENT TO COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA.
CUSTOMS A/C UP TO 30TH SEPT, ALSO SENT IN.... JCH
MAGISTRATES A/C AND VOUCHERS UP TO 31ST AUGUST FORWARDED TO THE PROVINCIAL SEC. JCH

ACCOUNTS AND ECT SENT TO PROVINCIAL GOVT. UP TO 30TH SEPT. '78 JCH

CUSTOMS SOOYOOS S.B. 30TH SEPT. 1878

SIR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT TO YOU HEREWITH 2 LETTERS AND AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES OF A SEIZURE OF A SMALL LOT OF GOODS AT FORT SHEPHERD.
UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES COMMITTED WITH THE MATTER, THE ISOLATED POSITION OF THE STATION BEING THE CHIEF. I CONSIDER MR. MOORE ACTED JUDICIOUS!
IN THE MATTER THROGHOUT, AND I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT YOU IN YOUR JUDGEMENT WILL TAKE ASIMILIAR VIEW OF THE MATTER.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE SIR YOUR OBEDEINT SERVANT JCHAYNES
THE HON. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS VICTORIA B.C.